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This Indenture made this twentieth day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety two Between the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies by their agents or Representatives at Fort Saint George on the Coast of Coromandel in the East Indies aforesaid the Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet Governor of Fort Saint George and President of Council thereof, William Petrie and Ernst William Fallofield Esquires Members of the Council of Fort Saint George aforesaid, and composing the Government thereof, of the one Part and Oliver Colt Senior [illegible] in the service of the said United Company and Nagapah Chitty and Soobaroy of Fort Saint George aforesaid merchants of the other Part.

Whereas the said Government of Fort Saint George as the legal agents or Representatives of the said United Company did by an advertizement in the Madras Courier under date the Sixth of September last past signify that they would receive Sealed Proposals of Contract on or before the first day of (November) October last for Cloathing &

Victualling

victualling and furnishing the articles to be mentioned for the Sick in the Presidency General Hospital and it's Subordinate Hospitals for One year, in consequence whereof the said Oliver Colt sent in his Proposals to the said Government of Fort Saint George, who having taken the same into their Consideration, considered the Proposals of the said Oliver Colt which are hereinafter setforth as eligible, and have therefore resolved to accept the same. —

Now Therefore this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Oliver Colt for the Considerations hereinafter mentioned hath Covenanted Contracted and agreed and by these Presents doth Covenant Contract and agree with the said United Company to provide Cloathing, victualling, and the articles to be hereinafter mentioned for the Sick in the Presidency General Hospital and it's Subordinate Hospitals for One year from the date hereof, and under the following Conditions, to wit.

First — That the said Oliver Colt doth hereby bind himself to have for each sick man in

the

the general Hospital at Fort Saint George and its Subordinate Hospitals always in readiness, clean, in good order, and agreeable to the musters to be sh[illegible] by the Head Surgeon at the Presidency. — [interlined: vellore]

A Cott framed of wood laced with Tape
Three Shirts
Three Gowns
Three pair of long Drawers
Three Caps
One Pillow
Three Pillow Cases
One Matrass to be used occasionally, and
One extra Quilt. —

Second, — That the said Gowns — Long Drawers — Caps and Quilt shall be of striped Gingham lined with White Cloth — and that the Cover of the said Matrass shall be also of striped Gingham

Third — That each sick man shall have a clean shirt — Gown — Long — Drawers — Cap — Pillow Cases thrice every week or oftener if deemed necessary by the visiting surgeon. —

Fourth — That the Tapes of the said Cott — the Quilt, and Matrass, shall be shifted as the surgeons may direct. —

Fifth — That the said Oliver Colt engages to provide Provisions of the best quality according to the following forms of Diet — for each sick man in

in the said Hospitals that is to say

Full Diet	Breakfast	Two allack or one quarter of a Madras Measure of Patcherrisee Rice made into Conjee with two allack of Milk
	Dinner	A Loaf of Bread weighing one Pound, or when Bread cannot be had, Four allack of Poolengarisee Rice boiled One joint of Mutton at the rate of one Sheep to every eight men Two allack of Soup
	Supper	As Breakfast
Middle Diet	B[illegible]	as Full Diet
	Dinner	A Loaf of Bread weighing one pound, or where Bread cannot be had Four allack of Poollingarisee Rise boiled half a joint of Mutton Two Allack of Soup
	Supper	as Full Diet
Milk Diet	Breakfast	as Full Diet
	Dinner	One Loaf of Bread weighing One Pound, where Bread cannot be had Four Allack of Poollingarisee Rice boiled Three allack of Milk
	Supper	as Breakfast

Low Diet in Common	Breakfast	Rice as in Full Diet made into Congee with or without Milk as the Surgeon may direct
	Dinner	Two allack of Soup One Loaf of Bread weig[hing] twelve ounces or two allack of Boollingarisie Rice boiled, with Salt Fish —
	Supper —	as Breakfast

N.B Greens, Onions, and Black Pepper, to be added to the soup

Low Diet for debilitated Patients	Breakfast —	Tea, Limon Grass Tea, or Sago, one Pint
	Dinner —	One Chicken, or Chicken Broth, Sago or Pudding
	Supper —	as Breakfast

N.B — The Patient on this Diet to have one Loaf of Bread weighing twelve ounces daily.

Congee water always to be in readiness for the Common Drink of all the Patients

Each Patient to have two Pallums of Salt and two Pallums of Sugar in the Course of the Day, whatever Diet he may be upon, and good water to be supplied for all the purposes of the sick, together with Cooking Utensils, Firewood and Cooks. —

Sixth. ✕ That the said United Company being in possession of a Stock of Cloathing and other articles in the Purveyor's Department, the said Oliver Colt (Robt Wolff and Henry Sewell) agrees to purchase the same at a fair and equitable Valuation, to be determined by two Persons on the part of the said Company, and two Persons on the part of the said Oliver Colt. — (Robt Wolff and Henry Sewell) ✕

Seventh

Seventh — That in case the visiting Surgeon of the respective Hospitals shall make objection to any of the Articles to be provided by the said Oliver Colt for the sick, the said Oliver Colt may require the Inspection of two or more members of the Hospital Board, whose rejection will be final, and subject him to the penalties of a breach of Contract, in case he shall not provide other articles in Lieu thereof, free from Exception, and within such Time as may be required by the said Hospital Board —

Eighth — That the said Oliver Colt engages to furnish servants for the care of the Sick, Sweepers, Toties, Lamp Lighters, and Servants for the administration of Medicines, in sufficient numbers, that the sick may be properly taken care of, and the Hospital kept clean. Fruit, Toddy - Country Beer - Species - Greens - Rice for Congee water, and Poultices - Leetches, Lamps sufficient to light the Hospitals, and every Kind of earthen ware - In fine, whatever may be wanted for the Sick, Europe and Bazar Medicines excepted —

Ninth, — That the said Oliver Colt engages not to make any extra Charges of any Kind —

Tenth — That the said United Company, by their said Agents or Representatives or their Successors in the Government of Fort Saint George, do hereby promise and agree to pay the said Oliver Colt at the rate of Nine (9) fanams ℘ Man ℘ Day, for every sick man

in

Bills of the said A. H. & R. [illegible]

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in Hospital; and to discharge the said Oliver Colt's Bills at the Expiration of every month at the Exchange of [illegible] five (45) Fanams ℔ Star Pagoda, — A. H. & [illegible]

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And Whereas the said ~~Oliver C~~ [illegible]

xx Eleventh — That this Contract shall extend to the General Hospital at Madras — The Hospital at St Thomas's Mount — & the Hospitals of his Majesty's Regiments at Poondamallee & Wallajabad — But no where else. —

according to the requisition of the said Government in their said advertisement did offer for their securities Nagapah Chitty and Soobaroy.

Now therefore, this Indenture further witnesseth, that the said Nagapah Chitty and Soobaroy, as well as the said Oliver Colt, do hereby jointly and severally bind themselves, their Heirs, Executors, and administrators, to be responsible to the said United Company or their [illegible] Representatives for the just and due performance of the several articles in these presents contained; and the said Oliver Colt, Nagapah Chitty, and Soobaroy, do also jointly and severally bind themselves, their, and each and every of their Heirs, Executors, and administrators in the Penalty of ~~Four thousand (4000)~~ Two thousand (2000) Star Pagodas for the performance of this Contract by the said Oliver Colt, according to the Tenor, Intent, and meaning of the several articles in these presents contained. —

A. H. & R.

In

In Witness whereof the said Parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and Seals, the day and year first above written.

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Serial No. 1226

General No. 19589

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward you an Account Current for the Pay &ca of the Zillah Court of Ramnad for the month of December 1807 accompanied with the respective Vouchers & request the Balance thereof may be forwarded as soon as convenient.

Ramnad
Zillah Court
5th January 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) W. Sanders
Register

To P. Kinloch Esquire
Collector in Zillah Ramnad

Sir,

I have the honor of enclosing Receipts for Pension due to the Family of the late Lieut. and Adjutant Saml. Clarke of the Marowa Establishment, for last Month, and respectfully request you will be pleased to order discharge of the amount being Star Pagodas 73-19-20.

Madura
6th Jany 1808

I remain very respectfully
Sir,
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
(Signed) Wm. Wheatley
R. & G. of the Family

To P. Kinloch Esquire
Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir,

1st. I enclose for your information and guidance, a Government Advertisement for a Loan, to which you will perceive you are authorized to receive Subscriptions.

2d. A reference to the Accountant General's Letter of the 6th June 1807 forwarding to you an Advertisement for a former Loan will furnish you with the necessary information &ca as to the particulars to be forwarded to this Office on Account of Sums Subscribed; as also the manner in which they are to be brought to Account, and [illegible]

therein contained I request your attention.—

3rd. I beg particularly that you will in addition to the Monthly Register, send a separate Notice on the day you issue any Certificate, as no Certificate can be acknowledged at this Office until such advice be received.—

4th. I have further to request that in granting Certificates for Cash Subscriptions you will particularly state in the body of each Certificate, that the Premium has been paid by the party subscribing, specifying the Sum which has been received upon each Certificate, as per form accompanying.—

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signd) Geo. Moore
Actg. Acct. Genl.

Account. Genl. Office
Fort St. George
7th Janry 1808
Exd. (Sgd.) M.S.

Government Advertisement

Public Department

Para 1st. The Public are hereby informed that the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency, the Residents at Hyderabad, Mysore and Travancore, the several Collectors of the Land Revenue, and Paymasters of the Army have been Authorized to receive, untill further orders, any Sums of money in even hundreds, not being less than Star Pagodas five hundred, which may be tendered on loan to the Honorable Company at an Interest of 8 per Cent per Annum, as hereafter specified.—

2nd. The abovementioned Officers have been authorized to receive, in transfer to this Loan, all outstanding Treasury Notes of this Government, accepted Bills of Exchange, drawn on the Governor in Council, after deducting Interest at the rate of eight per Cent per Annum for the period which the Bills may have to run; Bills for Arrears of Salary whether the same shall have been advertized for payment or not, and generally, all authorized public Demands—

3rd. The Paymasters of the Army are also authorized to transfer any demands which may be payable by them respectively to this Loan and to grant Certificates for the Amount in the form hereafter laid

4th. Subscriptions to this Loan will be received at a discount of 2 per Cent, that is, for every Subscription of 102 Pagodas, a receipt will be granted entitling the Subscriber to a Promissory Note for 100 Pagodas, to be Issued on the terms of the present Loan—

5th. All Public obligations of this Government generally bearing an interest of 10 per Cent per Annum will be received, until the 15th. of March next, in Subscription to this Loan at Par.

6th. The obligations mentioned in the preceding Paragraph may be subscribed, both Principal and Interest, or at the option of the Bond holder, the Interest for the broken period will be paid in Cash at the General Treasury, and a Certificate on the terms of this Loan, granted for the principal.—

7th. A receipt will be granted for each Subscription bearing Interest at the rate of ten per Cent per Annum, from the date of such receipt until the 1st of July 1808. when the accounts of this Loan will be made up—

8th. The Interest which may be due on the 1st. of July 1808. on receipts granted for Subscriptions to this Loan will be paid in Cash at the General Treasury unless the Proprietor prefer transferring the amount to the Loan, in which case will be allowed to subscribe the amount in even Hundreds at Par, and shall receive from the Sub Treasurer, a receipt for the Amount, bearing date 1st. of July 1808, and for the Principal a Promissory Note or Notes will be granted bearing date the 1st. July 1808. and be numbered & registered in the order in which the receipts may be presented at the Accountant Generals Office.—

9th. The Principal of the Promissory Note shall be payable either in Madras, under the Rules established for the payment of the Register Debt now existing, or by Bills to be drawn by the Governor in Council on the Honorable the Court of Directors, at the exchange of eight Shillings and six pence the Sta Pagoda, payable twelve Months after sight, (which Bills shall be granted at any time on the application of the Proprietor of the Notes either —

when the principal shall have become payable in Madras, or at any earlier period,) and any Bills which may be so granted, will if the Proprietor desire it, be forwarded by the Deputy Accountant General in the Public Packets, to him or his Agent, or Assign, according to the instructions which may be given for that purpose.—

10. The holders of the Promissory Notes in this Loan, will at any time be at liberty to exchange these Securities for a Certificate, entitling them to the Promissory Notes of the Bengal Government of the same tenor, in every respect as those which are to be issued at this Presidency at the rate of (360) Three hundred & sixty Arcot Rupees per 100 Pagodas.—

11. The Interest of the Promissory Notes shall be payable half yearly, vizt. on the 1st. July and 1st. January from Year to Year, untill the Principal, shall be discharged, and it shall be at the Option of the Proprietors of the Notes to receive Payment of such Interest either in Cash at the General Treasury at the Presidency, or by Bills to be drawn by the Governor in Council, on the Honorable the Court of Directors, at the Exchange of Eight Shillings and six Pence the Star Pagoda, payable six Months after sight, provided always in the latter case, that the Interest for which Bills may be so required, amount to the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling at the least, and no Bills will be granted for any smaller amount.—

12. For the accommodation of Persons returning to Europe the Subscribers to this Loan, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns shall be entitled on application to the Governor in Council to have their Promissory Notes (provided they amount to the Principal Sum of Star Pagodas 3000) deposited in charge of the Sub Treasurer, for the time being at the risk, and under the Security of the Company. An acknowledgement will be granted by that Officer for the Promissory Notes so deposited with him; and the Interest accruing thereon, will be remitted, as it shall become due, by Bills on the terms abovementioned which Bills will be forwarded by the Deputy Accountant General to the Proprietor, his Agent or Assign, according to the instru-

-tions which may be given for that purpose.—

13. All applications to the Governor in Council to have Promissory Notes deposited in the Treasury must be accompanied by the Notes so to be deposited and directions must be written in the following terms, on the face and across the lines of each Note, and be attested by the signature of the Proprietor, or his constituted attorney or attornies.—

"The interest accruing half yearly on this Promissory Note, "and the Principal as it shall become payable, according to the order "established for the discharge of the Register Debt, are to be remitted "(unless it shall be hereafter directed to the contrary) by Bills to be "drawn on the Honorable the Court of Directors, pursuant to the tenor "of this Promissory Note, and the other conditions of this Loan pub-"lished in the Governm.t Gazette of the ------------

"payable to ---------- and be forwarded to

"but this Promissory Note, shall not be pledged, sold, or in any man-"ner negociated, or delivered up to any Person whomsoever, nor are "these directions with respect to the mode of payment of the Inter-"est or Principal to be in any manner altered, except on applica-"tion to the Governor in Council to be made by myself, my Executors "or Administrators, or under the authority of a special power of attorney "specifying the number, date and Amount of this Promissory Note "to be executed by me or them for that purpose".—

14. For the satisfaction of persons who may propose to return to Europe before the period prescribed for the final ad-justment of the accounts of this Loan, and who may be desirous of availing themselves of the accommodation offered them under the forgoing Articles, the Deputy Accountant General will on their part, write the declaration above prescribed on the Promissory Notes provided he shall receive instructions for that purpose, by an endorsement to be executed on the receipt or receipts, under the signature of the Proprietor, or his constituted Attorney or Attornies.—

The Deputy Accountant General will also make the necessary

application to the Governor in Council for an order to the Sub Treasu=
=rer to receive the Promissory Notes in deposit, and will forward the
acknowledgement of that Officer to the Proprietor of the Notes, or to
his Agent or Assign, according to the instructions which may be fur=
=nished him for that purpose.—

15th. A receipt will be granted in the following Form for sub=
=scriptions which may be made at any of the Public Treasuries.—

Form of Receipt—

" I do hereby acknowledge that A.B. has this day paid into the Honor
"=able Company's Treasury under my charge, the Sum of Star Pag.s
" which is to be accounted for to him or order as follows; Inter
"=est on the principal will be paid to him at the General Treasury
"at the Presidency at and after the rate of Ten Pagodas per Cent
"per Annum from this date to the 1st of July 1808. and for the prin=
"=cipal, a Promissory Note to be dated on that day will be granted
"on application to the Accountt. General; payable conformably to the
"conditions of the Loan published in the Government Gazette of the

"C.D. Sub Treasurer
or Collector.

16 Promissory Notes, under the signature of the Secretary to the
Government and the Seal of the Company, will be granted on the
following form in exchange for the Receipts.—

Fort St. George,
Promissory Note for Star Pagodas.

" The Governor in Council does hereby acknowledge to have receive
"from A.B. the Sum of Star Pagodas——— as a Loan to the Honora
"=ble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eas
"Indies, and does hereby promise for, and on behalf of the said United
"Company, to repay and discharge the said loan, by paying unto the
"said A.B. his Executors or Administrators, or his or their Order, the
"Principal Sum of Star Pagodas - - aforesaid at the Presidency of
"Fort St. George, agreeably to the order in which this Note may
"stand on the General Register of Notes and Bonds of this Presidency,
"payable according to priority of date and number, unless the same
"shall have been previously discharged by Bills drawn on the Honor
"=able the Court of Directors according to the conditions of the Plan

"for a Loan published in the Government Gazette of the
" - - - - - - and by paying the Interest accruing thereon at the
"rate of Eight per Cent per annum, by half yearly payments at the
"option of the Lender, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns,
"either in Cash at the General Treasury at the Presidency, or by
"Bills to be drawn by the Governor in Council, on the Honorable
"the Court of Directors at the rate of eight Shillings and six Pence
"the Star Pagoda, and payable six Months after sight, until
"the Principal shall be discharged."

(Signed) by the authority of the Governor in Council

Accountt. General's Office. (Signed) E. F.

Registered as No. Secry. to Govt. Pub. Dept.

17. The Accounts of this Loan are not to be made up until the 1st. of July 1808; but it is hereby notified that the Loan will be closed at any earlier period, should the Governor in Council deem it expedient to give directions for that purpose.—

Published by order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

Fort St. George (Signed) G. G. Keble
1st. January 1808. Actg. Chief Secty. to Govt.

No. ———————— of ———————— 180 .

I do hereby Certify that I have given due Credit in my Accounts, for the Sum of Star Pagodas (Here enter the Amount including the Premium) paid into the Company's Treasury hereby - - - - - - - - - - - -
for which Sum the said - - - - - - - - - - -
is to receive a Promissory Note of the Madras Government for the Sum of * Pagodas - - - - - - - - to bear Interest agreeable to the terms of the Loan Published in the Madras Government Gazette of the 1st. January 1808, and to be dated this day.—

* Star Pagodas

* The Sums to be inserted in the places marked thus, are to be those for which the Notes are to be issued, after deducting the premium.—

(Signed) Thos. Harris.
Depy. Revr. Acct.

To The Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad —

Sir,

I request that you will, with as little delay as practicable transmit to that Office an Estimate of your Probable receipts and Disbursements, from the 1st May to the 31st December next, similar in form to the one called for in the circular letter from this Office of the 18th April last

Fort St. George
Accountt. Genl. Office
9th January 1808 —
Exd. (R.N.B.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Geo. Moore
Actg. Acct. Genl.

To the Collector of Ramnad —

Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose 350 Rowanahs the receipt of which I request you will be pleased to acknowledge —

Fort St. George
4th January 1808 —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) J. Babington
Asst. Genl. Agt. S.M.

To P. Kinloch Esquire
Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad —

Sir,

Herewith I enclose a Bill drawn by the Treasurer and Secretary of the Government Bank in your favor for Star Pagodas Twenty five (25) and request you will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

Fort St. George
General Treasury
4th January 1808

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) L. Kenworthey
Sub Treasurer

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P. Kinloch Esquire Ramnad—

Sir,

I have to advise you that a Bill has been drawn on you this day for the Sum of Star Pagodas 25— in favor of Mr. P. Kinloch Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad, which you will please to honor and pass to the Account of the Government Bank.—

Fort St. George
Govern.t Bank
11th January 1808.
Ex.d/Sig.d/ A.B.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) R. Yeldham
Treasurer & Secretary
Revenue Department—

To P. Kinloch Esq.re
Collector of Zillah Ramnad—

Sir,

Para 1st. Government having on the 11th Sept.r last, been pleased to promote Mr. George Gregory, the Judge of your Zilla, to the Rank of Senior Merchant, I request you will call upon that Gentleman to pay the difference of his Subscription to the Civil Fund since the above period, between the rates of a Senior Merchant and as Junior, amounting agreeably to the following Memorandum, to the Sum of Star Pagodas 4.26.20.

Mem.t

Mr. George Gregory's Subscription from the 11th September to 31st Decem.r 1807 at the Rate of a Senior Merchant or Pag.s 14.15.65 p.r Month	52.27.78
Deduct The Amount Received for the above period, being at the rate of a Junior Merchant, or 13.4.45 p.r Mensem	48.1.58
difference being the Amount due by Mr. Gregory	4.26.20

2nd. You will carry the Amount thus received from Mr. Gregory to the Credit of the Civil Fund, and Continue, until you

you are otherwise directed from this Office, to receive that Genttleman's Subscription at the Rate of Pag^s. 14.15.65. p^r Month, from the 1st. Instant Inclusive —

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt
(Signed) Geo. Moore
Acting Acc^t. Genl.
Revenue Departm^t.

Fort S^t. George
Account^t. Gen^ls. Office
5th. January 1808 —
Ex^d. (Sig^d.) W. S.

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit for your information and guidance the enclosed Copy of a letter addressed to the Collector in the Northern Division of Arcot relative to the reception to be given to Purneah the Dewan of Mysore and his Son Narsinga Row who are now on their way to Tripetty and to desire that you will contribute as much as may be in your power to carry the intentions of the Governor in Council into effect —

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Edw. C. Greenway
Secr^y to Gov^t.
Revenue Departm^t.

Fort S^t. George
18th. January 1808 —
Ex^d. (Sig^d.) C. J. Gomonde
Ass^t.

To the Collector in the Northern Division of Arcot —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to acquaint you that Poorniah the Dewan of Mysore is on a Journey to Tripetty where he will arrive about the 25th. Instant, and to desire that you will issue instructions for his being received and treated in your Districts with every mark of attention —

2. The Governor in Council desires that you direct the principal native Officers under your authority to meet the Dewan at a short distance from each Station where he may halt and conduct him to his Tents, and that you will order them to wait on him on the road & furnish him daily with any fruits or vegetables that the Country affords—

3 The Governor in Council also desires that you will pay your respects in person to the Dewan, and furnish him with any aid he may require, particularly in procuring Provisions sufficient for his followers who may amount to upwards of a thousand persons—

4 Captain Pasby will accompany the Dewan to Tripetty where the Governor in Council desires that the Bramins may be instructed to receive and treat Poorniah with every honor and respect that can be paid him consistently with their Religion—

5. The Son of the Dewan Narsinga row, will proceed from Tripetty to Ramasweram, and altho' it will not be expected that the attention paid to him shall be equal to those shewn to his father, the Governor in Council has deemed it to be proper to desire that the principal Native Servants may be instructed to meet and visit him, and that the Judges and Collectors of the Districts thro' which he may pass will interchange visits with him if he shall halt in the vicinity of their residence—

Fort St. George
8th. January 1808

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) E. C. Greenway
Secret. to Governt.

(A true Copy)
Signed / Edw. C. Greenway
Secy. to Governt.

Exd. (Signed) E. T. Gomonde
Assist.

Revenue Department

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir,

The Statement of Subdivisions submitted with your letters under date the 20th and 30th November, are drawn out in an indistinct manner and from the Abstract of them herewith returned, it would appear that the Assessment on the several Subdivisions has not been duly apportioned in conformity with the Regulations which prescribe that the Assessment on each shall bear the same proportion to its actual Value, as the total Amount of the Permanent Land Tax bears to the total Value of the entire Lands.

It is further to be observed that from the great difference which appears between the former and present Produce of the Lands, there is reason to believe that the three years Accounts are not to be relied upon, before therefore, the ~~Board can~~ confirm the Assessment proposed for the several Subdivisions, they consider some further explanations to be necessary.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Waytes
Secretary

Fort St. George
1st January 1808
Ex'd (Sig'd) F. W. Robertson
Ass't.

	Original Value			Present Value			Jumma	Differ[illegible] Per Cent on the present Value		[illegible]
	S.P.	f	c	S.P.	f	c	S.P.	S.P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shivagherry										
Sub Divisn. proposed to be Retained	18525	"	"	9214	11	59	10650	15	9	42
Sub Divisn. proposed to be Sold	9252	"	"	3009	28	11	5350	77	12	42
Total	27777	"	"	12223	40	70	16,000	30	14	42
Shatoor										
Subdivision proposed to be Sold	4200	"	"	1860	4	19	2520	35	7	40
Do. Do. Do.	1771	"	"	555	2	30	1063	91	8	40
Total	5971	"	"	2415	6	49	3583	48	5	40
Sundeyoor										
Sub Division proposed to be Retained	1150	21	"	895	20	24	580	35	:3	49
Sub Division proposed to be Sold	974	21	"	796	28	33	520	34	10	46
Total	2125	"	"	1692	6	57	1100	34	15	48
Pareyoor										
Sub Division proposed to be Retained	2559	"	"	1794	2	6	1345	25	½	47
Sub Division proposed to be Sold	4107	"	"	2662	38	71	2155	19	¾	47
Total	6666	"	"	4456	40	77	3500	21	7	47

To the Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir,

I enclose Extract from my Proceedings of this date, in the Case No. 208, of the Register of this Court, & request you will deliver to the Plaintiffs and Defendants their respective Vouchers, Connected with that Case, which they state to be in your possession, & for the delivery of which, you have required of them an application from me for that Purpose

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obedt. humble Servant

(Signed) Geo. Stratton

Judge

Tinnevelly Court House

23rd. January 1808

Examd. (Sigd.) Gosford Cherry

To the Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir,

In the want of the Superintendent of the New Mint, directing you to forward small Remittances to the

Press

Presidency agreeably to the letter from this Office of the 1st October last, I request you will in future send the Remittances direct to the Sub Treasurer and Debit the Head of "General Treasury" instead of Superintendent of the New Mint"—

Fort St. George
Account. Genl. Office
5th. January 1808—

I am,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Geo. Moore
Asst. Account. Genl.

a.t. (Signd) R.M.B.

To P. Kinloch Esqr. Collector of Ramnad—

Sir,

I herewith Enclose you my receipt for the Remittance of Treasure Sent with your Letter of the 28th. Ultimo—

Fort St. George
General Treasury
30th. January 1808—

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Kenworthey
Sub Treasurer

To P. Kinloch Esqr.
Collector of Ramnad—

Sir,

I herewith Enclose you My Duplicate receipt for the Remittance of Treasure sent with your letter of the 28th. Ultimo—

Fort St. George
General Treasury
30th. January 1808—

I am Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) J. Kenworthey
Sub Treasurer

Commercial Departmt.

To the Collector at Ramnad—

Sir,

I have the honor to dispatch you herewith five Parcels Containing your Annual Indent of Stationary

for the present Year Consisting of the Articles inserted in the accompanying List, the Receipt whereof I will thank you to acknowledge —

Fort St. George
Import Ware house
20th. January 1808.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) James Taylor
Supert.

List of Stationary for the use of the Collector's Office in the Zillah of Ramnad for Fuzly 1217

Quills	1200 No.	Blotting Paper	4 Quires
Elephant Paper	2 Quires	Penknives	6 No.
Imperial	3 Do.	Pounce	3 lbs.
Royal	15 Do.	Ink Powder	15 Papers
Medium	15 Do.	Sealing Wax	4 lbs.
Demmy	20 Do.	Wafers	3 Boxes
Foolscap	60 Do.	Tape	15 Pieces
Kings Arms	40 Do.	Pencills	15 No.
Post	25 Do.	Indian Rubbers	2 Bottles
Quarto Post	15 Do.	Erasing Knives	2 No.
Cartridge	3 Do.	Ivory folders	2 No.

Import Ware house 20th. January 1808.

Roll of One Tindal and 10 Lascars of the Supernumerary Company attached to the Collector of the Southern Poligars Peshcush at Ramnad, Ordered by the Military Board to be discharged from the 31st. day of January 1808.

No.	Names	Rank	Countries	Remarks
1	Sandaven	2nd Tindal	Arcot	
1	Permall	Lascar	Sivagungah	
"	Tynncootty	Do.	Pondicherry	
"	Vencatachellum	Do.	Sydapettah	
"	Vencatachellum	Do.	Comalasencool	
5	Meeran	Do.	Sevagungah	
"	Allagasipah	Do.	Chintalipet	
"	Tyapoory	Do.	Malacottah	
"	Colundavalen	Do.	Tanjore	
	[illegible]	Do.	Munglagherry	

N.B. the [illegible] Lascars are entitled to cloathing for the Years 1806 and 1807, which is to be paid at the established rate of 24 fa.s each —

(Signed) J. Marshall
Secy Mil. Board

Military Board Office
Fort St. George 29th Janry 1808

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To P. Kinloch Esqr.

Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir

I beg leave to inclose the Receipts for Pension due to the Family of the late Lieut. & Adjt. Samuel Clarke of the Marowa Establishment for last Month, and respectfully request you will be pleased to Order payment of the amount being Star Pagodas Seventy two, eight fanams and forty Cash.

Madura
1st February 1808.

I remain, very
respectfully
Sir
Your &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Wheatley
R. & G. of the Family

To the Collector in Zillah

Ramnad

Sir

Para 1st. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23rd Ultimo.

2nd. Under the pressing Orders of Government for effecting every possible Reduction in the Revenue Department, the Board Consider it to be adviseable that the Sibbindy Company should be reduced. You will accordingly Carry that Measure into execution. The Board are disposed favorably to Consider the Petition of the Sibbindys & you will accordingly furnish a Roll of the Names of the Men, of their Age, and period of Service, particularizing those who wish for land in Madura and Tinnevelly.

3rd. You will State your opinion on the Claim of the Sibbindies to Clothing and the Amount which is due to them if the Claim be a just one.

4th. You will furnish Certificates to those who may wish to take Service in any other Battalion.

5th The Board Suggest to you to fill up such vacancies as may occur in the revenue Peons, from the dismissed Sibbindy

6th As Lascars are not allowed to other Collector the Board cannot comply with your wish to continue the allowance for such persons to you

I am
Sir
Your &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm Hayter Secy

Ft St George
Feby 7 1808

W. Robertson
Actg

To the Collector
of the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for your information and Guidance extract of a Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue in reply to a reference made by me to that Board on the Subject of the delay which had occurred in bringing to Trial persons accused of embezzlement of & illicit trade in Salt in the Zillah of Ramnad

I have also the honor to give cover to a further Extract of the Same Letter on the Subject of the proposal made by you for Renting the Salt Revenue of Ramnad for three years on the Terms mentioned in your letter of the 12th August 1807 by which you will perceive that the adoption of your recommendation to that effect is deemed by the Board of Revenue to be wholly inconsistant with the principal of the Salt Monopoly

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Ly. K. Murray
G. A. S. M.

Chinna Ganjam
14th Feby 1808
Examined
[illegible]

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Extract of a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the General Agent for the Salt Monopoly dated 13th January 1808

Para 4th. It is the duty of the Collector to represent through the Government Vakeel the loss to revenue from such delay and to apply under Section XX of the Salt Regulation in the same manner under Section XLI Regulation XVIII A.D. 1802 for a prompt decision which is of much importance to the efficient establishment of the Salt Monopoly and which on a proper plea being made in Court the Judge will no doubt readily admit and act accordingly.

5. The Board observe that the defalcation of Revenue is attributed also in a great measure to the conduct of the Native Servants to this point the attention of the Collector cannot be too particularly directed for the conduct of their Servants the Collectors must be held in a certain degree responsible it is their duty to establish every possible check and every instance of fraud should be prosecuted to punishment in many cases there may be strong grounds of suspicions though actual proof may be wanting in such cases the parties should always be dismissed from Office, and it is reasonable to suppose that if proper examples of this nature were made, it must have the salutary effect of deterring others from the Commission of similar abuses.

7. With regard to the proposition of the Collector of Ramnad for renting the Salt Revenue of that District, I am directed to acquaint you that as it is entirely at variance with the principle of the monopoly it can by no means be adopted.

(A true Extract)
(Signed) Jn. Murray
G. A. S. M.

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir

I have the honor to forward you an account Current for the Pay &c of the Zillah Court of Ramnad for the Month of January 1808 accompanied with the Respective Vouchers and request the Balance thereof may be forwarded at too

as Convenient.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c. &c. &c.
Signed Wm. Sanders Regr.

Ramnad
Zillah Court
th July 1808

To the Collector of
Ramnad

Sir,

I am Commanded by his Excellency the Governor to express his Solicitude that you would be good enough, should it not have been done already under the orders of the Government of Madras upon that Subject to give every publicity to the Pearl Fishery that is about to take place between the 15th and 20th of next Month at Arippo by beat of Tom Tom or otherwise and that should it be in your power you would be good enough to give every Encouragement to Divers & Boat Owners to be there at that time.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c. &c. &c.
Signed John Deany
Depy. Secy. to Govt.

Colombo 27th Jany 1808

To the Collector of the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir,

I beg you will Comply with the enclosed Precept No. 38 in a Cause No. 2434 The Collector of Ramnad versus Shenbykamoopillay

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c. &c.
Signed Wm. Sanders
Regr.

Ramnad
Zillah Court
July 1808

To the Collector of the Zillah of

Ramnad

Sir:

Pursuant to the Provisions of Section XV Regulation II A.D. 1802 I have the honor to transmit you a Copy of the Record of this Court No. 3422 Ramasawmy Pancher Plaintiff The Collector of Ramnad Defendant.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your [illegible]
Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge

[illegible]mnad
[illegible] Court
[illegible] February 1808

Revenue Department

To P. Kinloch Esqr.
Collector of the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir

Para 1st. I am directed by the acting Accountant General to Enclose You a Memorandum Shewing the amount of Commission which has been drawn by your predecessors and Yourself on the Amount of the Nett Salt Collections since the Commencement of the Operation of the present System for managing that branch of Revenue.

2. A Letter was addressed to you under date 14th October 1806 in which you were directed to call upon Mr. Parish for the amount therein mentioned, as it does not appear from your accounts that the above Letter has yet been acted upon, I am directed to repeat the directions which it conveyed and to request that on the receipt of the amount it be Credited in your Accounts to the head of the Salary and Commission for the year in which it was drawn. You will perceive a trifling difference between the Sum stated to be due by Mr. Parish in the former and that inserted in the present Account, the one now forwarded is however Correct, and on that you will be pleased to act

3. In bringing to account the amount to be repaid by yourself, you will be pleased to observe the same directions as those in regard to Mr Parish's refund.

4th In order to obviate the inconvenience of the frequent adjustment that will be required should you continue to draw a Commission which under the present Regulation of Government cannot possibly be sanctioned, I request that henceforward you will discontinue entering this Charge in your accounts, and that any further Sum which you may have drawn on this account since the period up to which the inclosed Memorandum is carried may be immediately refunded with the amount therein mentioned.

I am
Sir
Your &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Harris
[illegible]

Fort St. George
Accountant General's [illegible]
[illegible] 15 [illegible] 1808
Ed. [illegible]

Memorandum of Commission erroneously drawn by the Collector of the Zillah of Ramnad upon the Nett Amount of Salt Revenue since the appointment of the General Agent of Salt Monopoly, or from 13th July 1805 to 31st December 1807

	Nett Amount of Salt			Commission drawn at 1 per cent		
	Ps	f	c	Ps	f	c
1805/6 from 13th July 1805 to 30th April 1806	10660	13	18	106	25	25
1806/7 from 1st May to 12th July 1806	5160	32	38	51	25	17
Total Commission to be Refunded by Mr Parish	15821	9	56	158	8	73
1806/7 from 13th July 1806 to 30th April 1807	8321	12	9	83	8	75
1807/8 from 1st May to 12th July 1807 f2	5336	17	50	53	13	34
from 13th July to 31st December 1807	10596	31	64	105	[illegible]	[illegible]
	15933	7	14	159	13	73
Total Commission to be Refunded by Mr Kinloch	24254	19	43	242	22	7
Grand Total Pagodas	40075	29	19	400	31	63

(Signed) Thomas Harris
[illegible]

[illegible]
Ex. [illegible]

Judicial Department

To P. Kinloch Esqr. 12

Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir

Inclosed is forwarded for your information and guidance, Copy of a Letter with its enclosure which was this day transmitted to the Register to the Zillah Court of your District.

I am
Sir
Your most obed.t Ser.t
(Signed) Geo. Moore
Acc.y A. Gl.

Fort St. George
Accountant Gen.ls
office 17th Feby 1808

Judicial Department

To Wm. Sanders Esqr.

Register to the Zillah Court of Ramnad

Sir

Government having directed me to forward to you a List of the Establishment to which the Hon.ble the Governor in Council has resolved the Several Zillah Courts under this Presidency shall be limitted, a Copy of the Same is accordingly transmitted for your guidance — I request that this reduced Scale may be adopted from the first of the next Month conformably to the Orders of Gov.t

I am
Sir
Your &c &c
(Signed) Geo. Moore
Acct. A. Gen.l

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals office
17th February 1808

(A true Copy)
J. Harris
D.R.A.

Proposed Establishment for the Zillah Courts

No.	Description	Pagodas	fs	C
1	Judge	666	30	"
1	Register	150	"	"
1	Mooftee	45	"	"
1	Pundit	40	"	"
1	English writer	20	"	"
1	Do Do	15	"	"
1	Native Register	15	"	"
1	Sheristadar	15	"	"
1	Gomastah	7	"	"
1	Do	6	"	"
1	Do	6	"	"
1	Record keeper	10	"	"
1	Do Foujdary	10	"	"
1	Gomastah	6	"	"
1	Do	5	"	"
1	Do	4	"	"
1	Do	4	"	"
1	Moonshee	10	"	"
1	Sub Ditto	8	"	"
3	Persian Writers at 8 each	24	"	"
1	Government Vakeel	6	"	"
1	Bramin to administer Oath	3	"	"
1	Modakerany	3	"	"
1	Pandarum for Swearing Pariahs	3	"	"
1	Doctor	3	"	"
1	Shroff	4	"	"
1	Moochee	4	"	"
1	Ruckawan	4	"	"
2	Mussalgees at 1½ each	1	22	40
1	Sweeper	3	"	"
1	Nazir	1	"	"
1	Naib	10	"	"
2	Chobdars at 3 each	4	"	"
1	Head Peon	6	"	"
12	Dulayets at 2 each	3	"	"
20	Peons at 1½ each	24	"	"
1	Whipper	30	"	"
1	Executioner	1	22	40
1	Grave Digger	1	22	40
1	English Writer — Under the Magistrate	1	22	40
1	Jowabnuvees	10	"	"
1	Gomastah	8	"	"
		5	"	"
	Total	1203	30	—

(a true Copy) (Signed) C. C. Greenway [illegible] Government

(a true Copy) (Signed) T. Harris [illegible]

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To the Collector in Zillah

Ramnad

Sir

Para 1st I am directed by the Board to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 12 Inst.

2d Under the decided Opinion you have given of the justness of the Claim of the Sibbundy Peons to Clothing money, the Board authorize you to pay the amount due to them being from the years 1801 to 1807 exclusive Star Pagodas 356. 43. 29.

3. You will Require each man to sign a Roll that all his arrears and Other legal demands have been Satisfied and you will furnish each man with a certificate of his Rank and period of Service you will transmit to the Collector of Tinnevelly and Madura a list of the persons —— wishing to Carry on Cultivation in their District and direct the applicants to proceed thither Instructions will be Sent to those Collectors to make these Peons a Reasonable advance of Taccavee

I am
Sir
Your &c &c
(Signed) Wm Tayler
Secy

Fort St George
22d February 1808

To the Collector in the Zillah

Ramnad

Sir

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 4th Inst with the Several Vouchers &c Specified in the enclosed Extract of the Court's Proceedings of this date

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c &c
(Signed) Geo Hatton judge

Tinnevelly
27th February 1808
Exd G. Fredcheny

To the Collector in the Zillah

Ramnad

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you an Account Current for the Pay &c. of the Zillah Court of Ramnad for the Month of February 1808 accompanied with the respective Vouchers and request the Balance thereof may be forwarded as soon as Convenient.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your &c. &c.
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge

Ramnad
5th March 1808

To J. Kinloch Esqr.
Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir

I beg leave to enclose the Receipts for Pension due to the Family of the late Lieut. and Adjut. Samuel Clarke, of the Madras Establishment, for the last month and request you will be pleased to Order Payment of the amount being Seventy Star Pagodas twelve fanams and twenty cash.

I remain very respectfully
Sir
Your &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Wheatley
A. G. of the Family

Vellore
1 March 1808

To the Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir.

I am directed to desire you will on the Receipt of this Letter transmit a Statement of the average value of each Talook or Pollam of your District under the jurisdiction of the Court at Ramnad, Tinnevelly,

27 or Madura

I am
Sir
Your &c &c &c
(Signed) Wm Wayte Secy

Fort St George
7th March 1808
Exd P.M. Robertson Asst

To P. Kinloch Esqr
Ramnad

Sir

I have to advise you that a Bill has been drawn on you this day for the Sum of Pagodas 267. 33 - in your favor which you will please to pass to the accounts of the Government Bank -

I have the honor to be
Sir
your &c &c &c
(Signed) R. Jelsham
Treasurer & Secy

Fort St George
Government Bank
March 18th 1808

To the Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir

As it frequently happens that references are made to me by the Inhabitants respecting the Rates of Rent they are bound to pay and other Matters and as in Section III Regulation XXV A.D. 1802 it is mentioned that Zemindars and Proprietors of Land Shall execute and deliver to the Collector of the District a Cabooleat corresponding to the Deed of Permanent Property I beg you will permit me to peruse and to take a Copy of the Cabooleats of the Zemindars of this District and which I suppose are lodged in your Office

I have the honor to be
Sir
your &c &c &c
(Signed) Geo Gregory
Judge & Mn

Ramnad
Zillah Court
19th March 1808

To the Collector in the Zillah of

Ramnad

Sir

I beg you will Comply with the request Contained in the inclosed Copy of the Proceedings of this Court of this date in a Cause No. 2394 Rauhootal and others Plaintiffs Meenachy Defendants

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your &c &c

(Signed) Geo Gregory

J &c m

Ramnad
Zillah Court
17 March 1808

To P. Kenlock Esqr.

Collector in the Zillah of

Ramnad

Sir

Herewith I enclose a Bill drawn by the Treasurer and Secretary of the Government Bank in your favor for Star Pagodas Two hundred and Sixty seven and Thirty Eight fanams (267-38-) and request you will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt thereof

I am

Sir

Your &c &c &c

(Signed) J. Kenworthey

Sub Treasurer

Fort St. George
General Treasury
21st March 1808 -

To the Collector in the Zillah of

Ramnad

Sir

Having understood that the Tenures of Polegar were on the permanent Settlement allowed by Government to entertain each a Certain Number of armed Peons for the purposes of State I request you will furnish

me

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me with a Copy of the Orders of Government on the Subject if to be found among your Records

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your &c &c &c

Tinnevelly
16th March 1808

(Signed) Geo Stratton
Actg. Magt.

To the Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 11th Inst. with the Copy of the letter from the Parinore Zemindar Complaining of my Police Officers Not having assisted him in attaching the property of the Natamkars and Royets who resisted payment of their Kists and have in consequence issued the Necessary Instructions to the Police Officer Stationed in his Neighbourhood

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your &c &c &c

Madura
Zillah Court
9th March 1808

(Signed) J. Alexr. Oakes
Actg. Magistrate

To the Collector in the Zilla of
Ramnad

Extract of a letter to Govt. dated 15th Janry Para 23 to 26th
Extract of a letter from the Secy to Govt. dated 16th March Para 10
Fort St. George
26th March 1808.
Exd (Sigd) H. Moore
Asst.

Sir,

For your information and Guidance I am directed to transmit to you the enclosed Extracts of Correspondence with reference to your letter under date the 27th October last

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Waite
Secrety.

Extract of a letter to Government Dated 15th January 1808

Para. 23 The old Cutcherry at Ramnad having been represented to be

be in a very ruinous state, and to be in other respects unfit for the accommodation of the Establishment, we authorized the Coll^r. to dispose of the Materials of that Building and to occupy another on a rent of 12 Pagodas per Month –

24 It appears from the enclosed letter that the Materials were advertized for Sale, and that, as no offer was receiv-ed, they were purchased by the Collector, at a Valuation for the sum of Star Pagodas 356. 9. 60.

25 We have no doubt that the Collector has paid the full Value of the Materials, and we therefore recommend that the purchase be confirmed, and that the charge for the rent of the present Cutch-erry be authorized –

Extract of a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department Dated 16th. March 1808 –

10 As you are of opinion that the Collector of the Zilla of Ramnad has paid the full Value of the Materials of the old Cutcherie at Ramnad the Governor in Council is pleased to confirm the purchase at Star Pagodas 356. 9. 60. and to authorize the payment of Star Pagodas 12. per Month for a building for the use of his Establishment."

(True Extracts)
(Signed) W^m. Waytes
Secretary

Ex^d. (Sig^d.) T. L. Moore
Ass^t.

To the Collector at Ramnad –

Sir

You will oblige me by giving permission to the Bearer, to purchase Sheep for the Travancore Subsidiary Force, within the Limits of your Collection, as we have of late been disappointed in our accustomed Supplies from the Palamcotta District –

I am
Sir,
Very Obediently Yours
(Signed) Hugh Scott
Brigade Major
T. S. Force

Cantonments
Quilon 4th. March
1808 –

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad 16 31

Sir,

I beg you will comply with the request contained in the enclosed Copy of the Proceedings of this Court dated 27th February 1808 in a Cause No. 2442. The Collector of Ramnad Plaintiff vers. Callyanasoondrum Pillay and 2 others Defendants—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge

Ramnad
Zillah Court
..th March 1808

Revenue Departmt.

To P. Kinloch Esquire
Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir,

Para 1st. The Original and Duplicate Letter from you of the 21st Instant, both arrived yesterday, and it appears from the Envelope, that they were both put into the same days Tappal—

2nd. As the view with which it has been found necessary to dispatch Duplicates of Letters, is by their being forwarded by the same Tappal, entirely frustrated, I am directed by the Acting Accountant General to call your attention to this Circumstance, in order to obviate the recurrence of similar irregularities.—

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Thomas Harris
Dep. J. Rev. Acct.

Fort St. George
Accountt. Genl's Office
..st March 1808
(Sigd.) J.M.S.

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you an Account Current for the Pay &ca. of the Zillah Court of Ramnad for the Month of March 1808 accompanied with the respective

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Vouchers and request the Balance thereof may be forwarded as soon as Convenient—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge

Ramnad
Zillah Court
6th April 1808.

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit to you an Extract of the Proceedings of this Court dated 5th April 1808 in a Cause No. 4312. The Collector of Ramnad, Plaintiff Vers. Nagoor Meerah Defendant—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge

Ramnad
Zillah Court.
5th April 1808.

P. Kinloch Esqre. Ramnad—

Sir,

I have to advise you that a Bill has been drawn on you this day for the Sum of Pagodas 108.12 in your favor which you will please to pass to the Account of the Government Bank—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) R. Yeldham
Treasr. & Secry.

Fort St. George
Governmt. Bank
April 2th 1808.

To P. Kinloch Esquire Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

Herewith I enclose a Bill drawn by the Treasurer and Secretary of the Government Bank, in your favor for One Hundred and Eight Star Pagodas and Twelve fanams (108.12) and request you will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt thereof.

I am
Sir, Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) J. Kenworthey
Sub Treasurer

[Fo]rt St. George
[Ge]neral Treasury
[..]th April 1808.

Revenue Department

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To Peregrine Kinloch Esquire
Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad.

Sir,

Para 1st. Government having been pleased to determine, that the allowance hitherto drawn by the Civil Servants under the denomination of House rent, shall cease from the 1st. May next, to all Servants enjoying Situations, the Salary and Emoluments of which exceed the Sum of Pagodas 150 per Month, I request you will discontinue the payments on that Account Accordingly after they shall have been made for the present Month—

2nd. Should any case of difficulty occur, as to the receipts of any particular Officer of Government, I request reference may be made to this Office—

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Acct. Genl.

Fort St. George
Accountt. Generals
Office 19th. April 1808.
Ea. (Sigd.) MS

To the Collector of Ramnad

Sir;

(Circular) 1 The near approach of a new Official year renders it necessary that the Accounts of the last should be brought up in this Department as soon as possible in order that they be transmitted at an early period of the ensuing Fusly to the Office of Civil Audit. I have therefore the honor to request that you will be pleased to furnish me at as early a period as may be practicable with the following Accounts of the Salt Department in the District under your Charge—

1st. A Detailed Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year 1807/8.

2nd. An Estimate of Do. Do. for the Year 1808/9.

3rd. A Comparative Statement between the Actual receipts and Charges for 1807/8— For

For the forms in which these Accounts are to be made out, I beg leave to refer you to the late General Agent Mr. Harris's letter to you of the 25th April 1807 –

Salt Office
Fort St. George
19th April 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) J. Babington
A. G. A. Sm.

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad –

Sir;

I beg you will comply with the request contained in the enclosed Summons of this Court, dated 22nd April 1808 in a Cause No. 4505 Jagganatha Punnichen, vers. The Collector of Ramnad –

Ramnad
Zillah Court
26th April 1808.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad –

Sir,

I beg you will comply with the request contained in the enclosed Summons of this Court dated 22nd April 1808 – in a Cause No. 4506 Syed Mohdien, Versus The Collector of Ramnad

Ramnad
Zillah Court
26th April 1808.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge

To Peregrine Kinloch Esqr.
Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad –

Sir,

In the Revenue Books ending the 30th April last, you stand for Star Pagodas 3428 . 24 – paid from the Treasury here, for Account of Subsistance to the Ramnad Rajah, which Amount the Accountant General desires you will carry to the Credit of "General Treasury" and debit of the Proper head in your Accounts for this Month. –

Fort St. George
Account. General's
Office, 23rd. April 1808
Exd (Sig.) J.M.S.

I am 18
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Thomas Harris
Depy. Rev. Acct.

To the Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir,

I beg you will Comply with the request contained in the enclosed Summons of this Court dated 27th. April 1808 in a Cause No. 4057. Nellapermal Pillay Versus The Collector of Ramnad

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Geo. Gregory Judge

Ramnad
Zillah Court
29th. April 1808

Revenue Departmt.

To P. Kinloch Esquire
Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir,

Para. 1st. The Official Year drawing near to a Conclusion, I beg to call your attention to the preparation of your Annual Accounts the early transmission and correct formation of which, will enable me to prepare with Accuracy & precision, those Documents of which they are to form a part.—

2nd. The Accounts to which I now call your attention are the following—

Abstract Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 1807/8—
Estimate of do. do. do. for 1808/9
Extra Annual Estimate of Monthly Receipts and Disbursements for 1808/9 specifying the Judicial Charges in a Separate line in Red Ink—
Comparative Statement between the Estimated and Actual Receipts and Charges for 1807/8—

3d. You will perceive that they differ from the List trans-

-mitted in my letter of the 18th April 1807, in the detailed State-
-ment being omitted, which is no longer required—

Fort St George—
Accountt Generals
Office 12th April 1808
Exd (Sigd) J.M.S

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Accountt Genl

Revenue Department

To the Collector in Zillah of
Ramnad—

Sir,

In order that you may be enabled to carry to Account the Moyenzabitah &ca Charges for the current Fusly, submitted with your letter of the 26th July last, I am directed to acquaint you that those Charges received the general Sanction of Government under date the 8th Janry last.

Fort St George
11th April 1808.
Exd (Signed) T.P. Moore Assistt

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) W. Waytes
Secretary

Revenue Department

To the Collector in Zillah
Ramnad—

Sir

As the application which accompanied your letter of the 21st January last is not accompanied with a plan of the ground, or Statement of its Boundaries The Board are precluded from Submitting it to Governmt.—

On this Subject, I am directed to refer you to my Circular Letter under date the 2nd September 1806—

Fort St George
8th April 1808
Exd (Sigd) T.P. Moore Asst

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm Waytes.
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Revenue Department

To the Collector in Zilla of 19

Ramnad — 37

Sir,

Para 1st. I am directed to communicate to you the resolution of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Zillas of Madura & Tinnevelly at the expiration of the Current Fusly.

2nd. It is proposed that the Zemindaries of Ramnad & Sheevaganga be placed under charge of the Collector of Madura, and that the smaller Zemindaries formerly denominated, the Tinnevelly Pollams be placed under charge of the Collector of Tinnevely.

3rd. A Copy of this letter will be transmitted to those Collectors respectively, with orders to carry the arrangement into effect, in communication with you, unless any modification of the proposed distribution should be deemed adviseable, in which case, you will report the same for the information of the Board —

4th. You will make an arragement with the Collectors of Tinnevelly & Madura for the transfer of the Records of your Office to those Gentlemen respectively —

Fort St. George
7th April 1808 —
Exd/ Sigd/ T.P. Moore
Asst.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Waytes
Secrety.

Revenue Department

To the Collector in Zillâ

Ramnad —

Sir,

Para 1st. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 24th March with its enclosures —

2nd. The Board direct me to remark that the decision of the Court must be submitted to in the case of the Arrack Renter unless an Appeal from it can be made on the ground, that when the Renter took the farm no particular pledge of support from the Court, or Collector, was given, and the Renter the- for

therefore had taken the Rent on his own risk and must fulfil his engagement.—

3 The Board direct me further to observe that certain rates of payment by the Arrack Seller and Toddy drawer appear to have been customary in the Ramnad Country & that the Renter deviated from the Custom of the Country in demanding his Rent. You will explain fully the nature of those Customary rates, and whether the Renter could, had he abided by those rates have made a moderate profit by his farm.—

4 The Board leave it to your discretion to appeal the suit given against you or not, but it is desireable that the instructions given to the Government Pleader should contain some solid reasons and Argeements in support of your demand, to have the decision of the Judge reversed, otherwise an Appeal will only incur addional expence.—

Fort St. George
16th April 1808
Ex'd (Sig'd) J.P. Moore
Ass't.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Serv't.
(Signed) James A. Casamayor
Dep'y Rev'e Secr'y
Revenue Departm't

To the Collector in Zillah
Ramnad—

(Circular)

Sir,

For your information and guidance I am directed to transmit you the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Secretary to Government under date the 9th Instant with Copy of the Communication therein referred to.—

Fort St. George
1st April 1808
Comp'd

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) James A. Casamayor
Dep'y Rev'e Secr'y

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To the President and Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit for your information the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Judge and Magistrate of the Zillah of Bellary and to acquaint you that it is the desire of the Governor in Council, that the Collectors shall be instructed to furnish to Officers Command^g Military Stations, information of the nature required by the Officer Commanding the Station of Bellary.—

Fort St George.
9th April 1808.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Servt
(Signed) Edwd C. Greenway
Secr^y to Govern^t

To E. C. Greenway Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St George—

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you, Copy of letter, I received from the Officer Commanding here, and request you will be pleased to obtain the Honble the Governor in Council's directions for me on the subject. The cause of my making this application is that the Collector has always been the person that has hitherto furnished Certificates of Exchange, as directed, I believe in some of the General Orders of Government, which have not, as far as I have the means of knowing, been yet rescinded—

Zillah of Ballary
29th March 1808—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) P. Bruce
Magistrate

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To the Magestrate of the Zillah of Bellary—

Sir,

Being called upon by the Military Auditor General to furnish the Paymaster of the Ceded Districts with the daily rates of Exchange in the Bazar on the first of every Month conformably to the G.O. of the 16th May 1797, I have to request you will send me one every Month, that I may be able to do so—

(Signed) D. Ogelby Major
Commd. Bellary

(Signed) P. Bruce Magistrate

Bellary
25th March 1808
Compd.

(True Copies)
Signed Edwd. C. Greenway
Secy. to Govt.

(True Copies)
(Signed) James A. Casamayor
Depy. Secy.

Revenue Departmt.

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

Para 1st I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under date the 11th Ultimo, with the Decree of the Zilla Court therewith submitted—

2. The Board do not fully comprehend the object of that Decree—it appears, however to be sufficient, so far as Government is concerned to refuse the redress, solicited by the Zemindar of Cadumboor, and if he prosecute the suit, you will defend it under the instructions conveyed in my letter of the 19th November—

3d. That the Zemindar of Cadumboor has been injured by the Etiapoor Zemindar, appears to the Board to be unquestionable, and they hope that the avenue to justice may not have been obstructed—

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Waytes
Secretary

Fort St. George
1st April 1808
(Sigd.) T. P. Moore
Asst.

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To the Collector of Ramnad -

Sir,

I request that you will make the advances of Tuccavee and proceed in the Manufacture of the quantity of Salt for the current year mentioned in your letter of the 5th of last January -

Salt Office
Fort St. George
25th April 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Babington
A.G.A.S.M.
Revenue Departmt.

To the Collector in Zillah
Ramnad -

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you a Printed Copy of Regulation I. A.D. 1808. for restricting and regulating the sale of Country Arrack, and Foreign Spirits within the Provinces Subordinate to this Presidency -

2. You will observe that in Districts of which the Land Revenue has been settled in perpetuity it is intended that the exclusive Sale of Foreign Spirits, and the exclusive Manufacture & Sale of Country Arrack shall be annually leased out by the Zemindaries or Estates and in Districts of which the Land Revenue has not been settled in perpetuity by Divisions the number of such Divisions to be fixed by the Collectors subject to the confirmation of the Board -

3. Accordingly and in conformity with the Provision of Clause Second, Section IV of the enclosed Regulation, the Board desire you will proceed without delay to regulate the number of Stills and Shops to be kept in each Estate of the Zilla under your charge, together with the retail rates of Sale, Submitting statements thereof as prescribed so that if practicable the proposals for the Rent may be invited and accepted previously to the

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Commencement of the ensuing Fusly.

4 If the issuing of Licenses for entire Estates or Divisions should be deemed in particular cases to be less eligible or advantageous than the issuing of licenses for single Shops; You will observe that the option is reserved by Section XVII of resorting to the latter mode of Management —

5 Where this System may be adopted it is meant that each Shop be charged with the payment of a specified Monthly tax, and that any person be at liberty to open a Shop on payment of the said tax, and on taking out a license but not otherwise —

6 The tax here adverted to will be levied at different rates with reference to local circumstances these rates to be regulated by the Collectors under the orders of the Board, and when confirmed to be specified on the Licenses —

7 The Board suggest that it may be adviseable to try the effects of this System in a few of the most populous places with the view that the relative advantages of both systems may be appreciated, this point however is left to your Discretion

8 In several Districts a considerable proportion of the Abkary Revenue has been hitherto derived from the Sale of Toddy and it was originally intended to provide in the enclosed Regulation for this branch of the Revenue, by stipulating for the payment of a tax on the Toddy Drawers at a Certain rate ℔ Cent in the Amount of the rent of the Toddy Trees, to this plan however some objections arose, and it was at the same time conceived that it might not be generally applicable —

9 As the enclosed Regulation does not in consequence provide for this branch of the Abkary Revenue, it is desirable that it should continue for the present to be collected as heretofore, so far as may be practicable, in the mean time you

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are desired to communicate without delay and as concisely as possible the rates by which you may be of opinion that this branch should be regulated.

10. You will observe that the enclosed Regulation provides for an Allowance to the Collectors of a Commission, of two and a half p^r. cent on the Amount of their Net Collections on Account of the Abkary Revenue, it is intended that this al-lowance be granted in addition to the Established allowance on Account of Salary & Commission, and it is hoped that the encouragement thus held out to the improvement of this branch of Revenue, will be productive of the desired effect –

11. I am directed to take this opportunity of making known to you the intention of the Board to recommend to Go-vernment that a similar extra Commission at a rate hereaf-ter to be determined on, be granted to the Collectors on the net Salt Revenue of their respective Districts from the Commence-ment of the ensuing Fusly –

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) W. Waytes
Secr^y.

Fort S^t. George
12th. April 1808.
Ex^d. (Sig^d.) T. P. Moore
Ass^t.

To the Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir,
Para 1st. I request you will, on the Receipt of this, pack up and dispatch to the Presidency under a proper Escort, the Sum of Pagodas one Lack (Pagodas 100,000 –)

2nd. Should you have in your Treasury any Bank Notes or Coins that are not current in your Districts, you will be pleased to transmit them in part of the above Remittance –

3rd. I have further to request you will pay particular at-tention to the other directions transmitted from this Office on the subject of Remittances –

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Fort St. George
Account. Genl. Office
27th April 1808.
Exd V.S.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Actt. Genl.
Revenue Departmt.

To Peregrine Kinloch Esqre.
Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad—

Sir,

I am directed by the Accountant General to request you will with as little delay as possible, transmit to this Office, a Statement of the expences that have been incurred on Account of the Boys of the Surveying School placed under your Authority by the Board of Revenue from the commencement of their Employment in your Districts, to the latest period to which their Services may have continued; including therein every charge incidental to their Office, and distinguishing the Amount of the expenditure in each year.—

Fort St. George
Account. Generals
Office 27th April 1808.
Exd. M.S.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Thomas Harris
Depy. Revr. Acct.
Revenue Department

To Peregrine Kinloch Esqre.
Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad—

Sir,

I request that you will, as early as possible after the expiration of the present Month, forward to this Office, a Detailed List of your Servants &ca. as they may stand on the 30th Instant, Similar in form, and agreeably to the directions on that Subject, Contained in my Letters of the 9th & 14th May 1807.

Fort St. George
Account. Genel.
[Off]ice 29th April 1808
[Ex]d. M.S.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Acct. Genl.

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To the Collector of Ramnad

Sir, I will trouble you to direct the several Salt Servants under your Authority to wait upon me to afford every information in their power — that I may enquire from them relative to that Department on entering your District.

Pondicherry
1st May 1808.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Lt. K. Murray
G.A.S.M.

To the Collector of Ramnad —

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will forward to this Office as early as possible after the receipt of this letter, a detailed List of the Salt Department in your District, as it stood on the 30th. Ultimo, similar in form and agreeably to the directions on the subject contained in Mr. Harris the late General Agents letter to you of the 19th. May 1807.

Fort St. George
2d. May 1808 —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) J. Babington
A.G.A.S.M.

To P. Kinloch Esqr. Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad —

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose Receipts for Pension due to the Family of the late Lieut. and Adjutant Samuel Clarke, of the Marowa Establishment for last Month, and request you will be pleased to order payment of the Amount, being Twenty one Star Pagodas, Thirty six fanams & Sixty Cash.

I remain, very respectfully,
Sir, Your Most Obedt. humble Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Wheatley
R.H.G. of the Family

Madura
5th. May 1808 —

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you an Account Current for the Pay &c. of the Zillah Court of Ramnad for the Month of April 1808 accompanied with the respective Vouchers, & request the Balance thereof may be forwarded as soon as convenient—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge—

Ramnad
Zillah Court
6th May 1808

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

You will herewith receive Extract from my Proceedings under date 7th Instant, with the Contents of which I request your Compliance—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Geo. Stratten
Judge

Tinnevelly 7th May 1808.
Ex.d (Sig.d) Geo. fied. Cherry
A.R.

To the Collector of the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

I beg you will comply with the request contained in the enclosed Proceedings of this Court dated 13th May 1808 in a Cause No. 3422, Ramasawmy Panicken, versus The Collector of Ramnad—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge

Ramnad
Zillah Court
13th May 1808

To the Collector of the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

In conformity with the instructions conveyed in the Civil Auditor's Letter of the 22nd April 1807 I have the honor to submit to you a Statement of the Actual Disbursements of this Court

Court for the Year 1807/8 and an Estimate of the Probable Charges for the Year 1808/9 —

Ramnad Zillah Court 10th May 1808.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge & Magistrate

Revenue Departmt.

To the Collector in Zilla of Ramnad —

Sir,

(Circular) Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the enclosed Extract from the Resolutions of the Governor in Council under date the 1st December last, together with Copies of the Papers to which it has reference —

2. The Board accordingly desire that you will with as little delay as possible assume the Superintendence of the Post Office Establishments within the Districts under your charge, communicating with the Post Master General at the Presidency on any points upon which reference may be necessary —

Fort St. George 13th April 1808.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) James A. Casamayor
Depy. Secretary

Exd. (Sigd.) T. P. Moore
Asst.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Dated 1st Decemr. 1807 —

The Board concur in the Opinion submitted by the Honble the President, in regard to the Suggestions contained in the foregoing Report from the Committee of Finance, and it is accordingly Resolved that the Situations of Deputy Post Master General, and of Deputy Post Master at the Subordinates be abolished as early as may be convenient, and that the Post Office Establishments under this Presidency be at the

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same time, transferred to the Superintendence, and Controul of the Several Collectors of Revenue, agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee—

Resolved also that the Alterations in the Tappal Stations and the new Tappal Routes recommended by the Quarter Master General of the Army, be adopted without delay, and that Copies of the above report and of the Quarter Master General's Memoir, to which it refers be furnished to the Post Master General, and to the Board of Revenue, for their information and Guidance and for the purpose of enabling them to issue the necessary Instructions to the Officers under their authority.—

(A true Extract)

(Signed) G. G. Keble
Actg Chief Secy to Govt

(True Copy)

(Signed) Jas. A. Casamaijor
Depy Secretary

Exd (Sigd) T. P. Moore
Asst.

Report on the General Post Office under the Presidency of Fort St George.—

Para 1. The Committee of Finance were preparing to revise the Establishment of the General Post Office at this Presidency and had been furnished by the Post Master General with the detailed Statements necessary to enable them to commence the undertaking when the Accountant General reported for their information the steps which he had already taken towards the attainment of the same object under the special instructions from the Government—

2. It appeared to the Committee from the Papers laid before them by the Accountant General, that having been apprized of the intention of Government that the Tappal Runners & Establishmt should be paid by the Collectors on whose Districts they might be Stationed

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and that each Collector should be responsible for the expeditious conveyance of the Tappal through the District under his charge he had Despatched a Circular letter to the Collectors applying for a Statement of the Number, Names, and Pay of the Runners and other Servants in the Post Office Department actually employed in their respective Divisions.—

3 The Collectors had been further instructed by the Accountant General to state their sentiments respecting the sufficiency of the existing Establishments in regard to the secure and expeditious conveyance of the Tappal, to specify the Tappal that Stations on the Borders of their own Districts, and the nearest Stations in the contiguous Districts, and to state the measured or computed length of the Road over which the Tappals had to pass from one extremity of their District to the other, also the average number of miles in an hour, which in their opinion, the Tappals could be conveyed.

4. The Accountant General had further required to be furnished with information relative to the number & names of the Rivers crossing the Tappal Roads and with Estimates of the ordinary and extraordinary Establishments of Boats, which would be necessary to ensure at all times the safe passage of the Mails—

5. The Papers received from the Collectors in reply to the Accountant General's instructions having been laid before the Committee of Finance by order of the Government, the originals accompany this Report—

6. After an attentive perusal of those papers it occurred to the Committee that the conveyance of letters might be considerably expedited by an alteration of the existing stages, which they were disposed to believe might be changed advantageously on the principle of regulating them by time instead of distance, and by erecting Huts for the Runners at those stages where there should not be other accommodation—

7 A circular letter was accordingly despatched to each Collector by order of the Committee requesting him to state the number of stages which it would be necessary to establish in his District, on the principle that every Peon employed in the carriage of the Tappal should run for one hour and a half with the greatest speed of which he might be capable, adverting to the nature of the roads and to such other circumstances as might be calculated to impede his progress, and concluding that expresses, would not be despatched except in cases of great emergency.

8 The Collectors were further requested to state the number of Peons, which would be requisite in their respective Districts in the event of this arrangement being adopted, and to describe the route of the Tappal with the names and distances of the several stages which it would be necessary to establish on the stated principle. As it appeared also to be adviseable that Mussalgies should be attached to certain Stations for the purpose of accompanying the Tappal, the Committee requested to be furnished with Estimates for the probable Expense which would attend the hire of persons of that description, with oil & other necessary implements, where firesticks are not in use.

9 Considerable delay was experienced by the Committee in obtaining the information which they had requested. Having at length however received the replies of the different Collectors, they again proceeded to the consideration of the subject.

10 The chief object of the Committee in revising the Establishment of the General Post Office, being to expedite the conveyance of despatches, by a change of Routes so as to form a more direct communication with the Presidency from the principal Stations, it occurred to them that they should derive much useful information on this point by consulting the Quarter Master General of the Army. They accordingly apprized that Officer of the principle on which they were disposed to recommend that the progress of the Tappal should be in future regulated, and they furnished him with all the documents in their possession relating to the point in question.

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11 The Committee have reason to be pleased with the re-
-ferences which they have made, as they have recently received from
the Quarter Master General a Memoir containing a general
outline of an arrangement, which in their Judgement is well
calculated to ensure the object stated in the preceeding Paragrap[h]
It is however to be observed that the arrangement proposed by
the Quarter Master General is framed in opposition to the sug-
-gestion which had been stated by the Committee of regulating
the progress of the Tappal by time instead of distance, but the rea-
-soning of the Quarter Master General appears to be conclusive on
the subject, and the Committee have accordingly relinquished
that principle as inexpedient—

12. A Copy of the Memoir of the Quarter Master General
with an explanatory Map and the original communications re-
-ceived from the Collectors are submitted with this Report, and
the Committee recommend that the arrangements suggested by tha[t]
Officer may be generally adopted, the distance of Stages being
regulated according to the Situation of Villages, but never exceed-
-ing ten Miles.—

13 The Committee farther beg leave to suggest
that the resolution of the Governor in Council for placing the
Tappal Establishment in every District under the Superinten-
-dance of the Collector may be carried into immediate effect, &
that the Post Master General may be authorized in communica-
-tion with the Quarter Master General to furnish the Collec-
-tor with detailed instructions for that purpose, in conformi[ty]
to the general arrangement recommended in this Report.

14th The Committee are of opinion that not a doubt

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can be entertained of the expediency of the Resolution of the Governor in Council to which they have alluded in the preceeding Paragraph it will be the means of expediting the conveyance of the Tappall and will materially diminish the Charges of the Post Office – by enabling the Govern-ment to dispense with the appointments of Deputy Post Masters and their establishments at Subordinate Stations – It being presumed that exclusive of Two Runners to be allotted to every Stage – the Ordinary Establishment of a Collector will be sufficient to enable him to perform the Duties of Post Masters in his own District – It will however be proper on a satisfactory explanation to authorize the Collectors to employ from time to time such additional Servants as they may deem to be absolutely requisite and especially in those districts where Fire Sticks are not in use to incur such expense as may be necessary in the hire of Massalgees for the protection of the Runners against Wild Beasts –

15 In carrying into effect the Resolution of Government for rendering Collectors responsible for the speedy transit of the Tappall through their Districts it only occurs to the Committee to recommend that the Collectors may be particularly directed to instruct proper persons at the different Stations to register the time of arrival and departure of every Mail and also to note the same in a Label to be fixed to the Bag which carries the Dispatches – It will likewise be highly expe-dient on every occasion of extraordinary delay – that immediate enquiry should be made respecting the Causes which may have produced it –

16 In regard to the suggestion of noting the period of arrival & departure of the Tappall at the several Stations the Committee understands that the practice was formerly observed and if it had continued in force they have little doubt that it would have been in obviating the delay

in the conveyance of the Tappall which had lately afforded much just grounds of Complaint.—

17. The foregoing observations are confined to the Territories of the Honorable Company with respect to the conveyance of the Tappall through the territories of the Nizam and the Rajah of Travancore the Committee are of opinion that any improvement of the present System in this instance will be best effected by the Resident at Hyderabad and Travancore adverting to the great expense incurred on account of the Post Office at Mysore. It was the intention of the Committee to have suggested that the local Government should be requested to provide means for conveying the Company's Despatches through that Country on receiving a reasonable compensation from the Government of Fort Saint George. as however the Committee have been informed that the establishment of the Post Office in Mysore is under the immediate consideration of the Governor in Council they have refrained from submitting any Recommendation on that subject.—

18. The Committee have been furnished by the Post Master General with a Statement of his Establishment at the Presidency and are disposed to concur in that Gentleman's opinion that it will not admit of reduction, it is at the same time proper to observe that they consider the appointment of a Deputy Post master General to be unnecessary.—

19. The Committee of Finance have also had before them an Abst Statement of the Charges incurred on account of the Post Office the Presidency and at Out Stations from which it appears tha Monthly Disbursement amount to the Sum of Pagodas 8730 an although the Revenue of Postage of late Years has been cons

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-ably augmented yet all the Documents to which the Committee have had reference have established that the current Expenditure has been continually proportioned to the encreased collections - the only advantage derived to the Company under the present System being that the department of the Post Office has been conducted without any actual Expence. —

20. The Committee have reason to believe that the abuse of Franking formerly the constant subject of Complaint has been obviated in some degree by limiting the privilege to the heads of Departments agreeably to the existing Regulations. - The Quarter Master General it will be perceived has recommended the same precaution to be observed in the dispatch of Sepoys Letters and the Committee are further of opinion not only that it should be extended to those of European Soldiers - but that all Letters from Military persons of every description stated to be written on the Public Service should be certified by the Commanding Officer of the Station of the Corps, or the Detachment from which they may be despatched. —

21. The Committee would also recommend that on establishing the New Regulations as at present proposed are with such alterations as may to His Lordship in Council seem expedient the strictest attention to them be required by all descriptions of Persons and severe punishment be announced against such as shall be discovered in any attempt to evade the Postage to which they are made liable.

22. From accounts submitted to the Committee by the Post Master General the sum of Pagodas 3825 appears to have been received on account of the Postage for the Madras Couriers and Madras Gazettes in the course of the Year 1805. Being an excess of Pagodas 744 above the Amount received for the same Papers in the course of the Year 1803

This Statement is particularly satisfactory as it proves that the Revenue has not been diminished by the consideration shewn to the Proprietors of those Papers in permitting them to be despatched on the payment of single Postage. —

23. The Committee are however of opinion that the proprietors of the News Papers in question have still ground for complaint in the great advantage given to the Government Gazette in permitting it to be despatched Post Free — at the same time that it possesses other advantages in the exclusive publication of General Orders — and Government Advertisement — the Committee observe that if single Postage had been charged for that Paper — a further sum of Pagodas 8140 would have been realized at the Post Office on that Account in the course of the Year 1805. The Committee are therefore induced to recommend a modification of the indulgence granted to the Government Gazette by charging half Postage in future on every Gazette — Regular Supplemental and Extraordinary a charge which it cannot be apprehended under all the advantages of that Paper will materially affect its circulation. —

24. The Committee are not aware of any further observation which it is necessary for them to offer on the subject of the Post Office — unless to recommend that so soon as the arrangement suggested in the [illegible] shall have been carried into effect — the established route of the Ta-pal may never be changed on any future occasion without previous communication with the Quarter Master General of the Army as the knowledge possessed by that Office in respect to the [illegible]

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-manance of Military Stations and the general movement of Troops must render him the best judge under the Governor in Council of the efficiency of any deviation which may be proposed —

If the suggestion of the Committee should be adopted by the Governor in Council they will have the honor of reporting at a future period the extent of the reduction which it may be found practicable to effect in the expense of the Post Office under the proposed arrangement

(Signed) T. Oakes
" R. Dick
" Cecil Smith
" G. Buchan
" J. Taylor

Fort St George
Committee Room
28th Augt 1807

A true Copy
(Signed) G. G. Keble
Actg Chief Secy to Govt

A true Copy
(Signed) Jno Casamayer
Depy Secy

The Principle of Regulating the Stage of the Tappall by time instead of distance is an excellent one in Theory but it is apprehended that the state of the Country will oppose material obstacles to its complete adoption if a di-vision of the Tappal stages shall be carried into effect on this principle the consequence will be that a considerable number of them will be placed in situations remote from Villages and that the Peons when the Tappall arrives instead of being more ready to receive it will be frequently absent for the purpose of procuring provisions or seeing their Families interruptions will be therefore opposed to the progress of the Tap-pal perhaps of greater consequence than the degree of expedition to be obtained by the new arrangement of the Stages in adopting the principle of

of time, a question occurs in regard to the mode of applying it to the length of the Stages - a distance that during the dry Season can be passed in an hour and a half - will probably require three hours in the Monsoon - is the time fixed on by the Committee to apply to the Wet or Dry Season, for it is evident that the distance which a Peon can run in an hour and a half will vary according to the nature of the Road - A diversity of opinion may also obtain regarding the length of time during which a Tappal Peon is capable of running without a material diminution of his speed - The Natives of this Country who are trained to running - the Palankeen Bearers - Hircarrahs - and Tappal Peons &c. are almost always accustomed to proceed at a certain equal pace - which they can maintain for a considerable period of time - and perhaps a Tappal Peon will be able to run two hours with the same comparative speed with which he can run for an hour and a half, as the Committee have not stated the distance which they consider a Peon to be capable of running in an hour & half - the greatest diversity of sentiments prevails in the Reports of the Collectors - On this point their calculations of the distance which a Peon can run in an hour and a half - vary from Four to Ten Miles and their proposed distributions of the Tappal Stages are equally destitute of uniformity - in one district most of the Stages are limited to the length of three and four miles, in another they are extended to the length of ten Miles - and in both districts they are professedly regulated by the principal adopted by the Committee.

I am of opinion that too rigid an adherence to the principle and periods of time proposed by the Committee would be productive

of inconvenience in some districts — In the Districts where it may be practicable to introduce the Plan suggested by the Committee without removing most of the Tappal Stations from inhabited places — it would be extremely useful to carry it into effect — but I think that the existing stages should be continued in cases where they do not exceed Ten or twelve Miles in length and cannot be changed without removing them from villages — in all cases where the Stages exceed twelve miles they should be divided or new modelled — these modifications of the plan suggested by the Committee appear to be equally necessary on the principle of economy, as with a view to the local circumstances of the Country. — The Arrangements proposed by some of the Collectors would encrease the expenses of this Department in their districts to an extent it is probable far beyond the intention of the Committee. —

A Doubt may exist whether a degree of advantage in point of celerity would be derived from the general use of Masalgees and Oil sufficient to compensate the great increase of expense that would be occasioned by that measure — in many parts of the Country the Peons are accustomed to run without this aid — in some districts fire sticks are usual and they appear to answer all the purposes of Masalgees and Oil — in situations dangerous on account of Wild Beasts it may be proper to allow Masalgees and Oil — at the discretion of the Collectors. —

A Reform appears to be necessary in the Regulation which exempts the Letters of the Native Troops from Postage and which I believe is much abused at present — the Letters of Natives of all

descriptions

descriptions pass free from postage, when Superscribed "Sepoys Letter" and franked by an European Officer. In Order to prevent this abuse, it is necessary that a regulation should be adopted and strictly executed defining the description of troops that shall be allowed an exemption from Postage, and directing that their Letters shall be received without postage, only when franked by their Commanding Officers, or by the persons at the heads of the Departments to which they belong—

I am persuaded that the Measure of placing the Post Offices in the Provinces entirely under the Collectors will be attended with considerable benefit, I have reason to believe that many abuses were practiced under the former System, which will be now precluded, This Circumstance alone will contribute materially to encrease the celerity with which the mails are conveyed—

I shall make some remark founded on the foregoing observations on the arrangements proposed by the several Collectors—

Ganjam District

It appears to be unnecessary to make any alteration in the disposition of the Stages in this District—The Arrangement proposed by the Collector on the principle recommendation by the Committee differs very little from the present one, and the alterations which he suggests, appear to be objectionable, for he reduces some of the Stages to three Miles. In his proposed distribution of Stages, there are 16 of 4 Miles, 6 of 5 Miles 4 of 3 Miles, and none exceeding 5 Miles Those Stages appear to be much too short, in the present distribution, the length of none of the Stages exceeds Miles, a distance which a Peon ought to run in an hour and an half or two hours, an allowance for Mussalgies

and Oil appears to be unnecessary, it has not hitherto obtain-ed; there is only one Cross road in this District that from Ganjam to Aska, and it is requisite that it should be con-tinued on its present footing. The actual expence of the Tappall in the Ganjam District Amounts to 558 Rupees, the proposed establishment amounts to 769.

Vizagapatam

It appears to me that the Collector in his pro-posed distribution, has adhered too closely to the principle of time. he has charged all the Stages, and placed nearly the whole of them at uninhabited places, that are subject to the objection which I have mentioned by retaining the present Stages where they do not exceed 10 or 12 Miles in length, and dividing those that are longer than that distance every purpose of necessary celerity would be accomplished without incurring the great increase of expence stated by the Collector. His proposed establishment exceeds the pre-sent one, by 168 Rupees each Month besides the expence of 850 Rupees to be incurred at once in erecting huts, and the future expence of Keeping them in repair, some of the Collector's proposals for maintaining establishmts. of boats appears to be unnecessaryly extensive, at the small River near Vizagapatam, he states that two large boats two Catamarams will be always requisite on account of the Tappall and he estimates the annual expence of their repair at 350 Rupees, In the actual Charges in this District, 30 Rupees a Month for Office rent at Vizagapatam seems to be unnecessarily large, and a greater establishment of Writers is allowed there than is maintained at Masulipatam or Ganjam.

Colonel Munro's proposal for a [illegible] at the Tum-[illegible]ra Amounts [illegible] each Month

There are no Cross roads in this District.

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The Materials in the Quarter Master General's Office do not furnish the means of forming a judgement relative to the distribution of Stages proposed by the Collector as they are all fixed at uninhabited places which are not inserted in the Maps, or routes in the Quarter Master General's Office—

amundry — The distribution of Stages proposed by the Collector appears to be extremely proper. They are almost all placed at Villages, and their distances are well arranged, on the great road two additional Stages are proposed by the Collector, and they appear to be necessary for the purpose of equalizing and Shortening the Distances. The Collector also proposes that the number of Stages on the bye road by Cokanada, Coringa and Madapallam may be encreased in Conformity to the principle suggested by the Committee but the Communication by that route appears to be sufficiently expeditious in its present state. The Boat men in this Zillah receive in some instances one Rupee, and in others two Rupees only each Month, the Collector proposes to encrease their Pay to a Pagoda, a Measure which I consider to be extremely proper, The present Charges in this Zillah come to 407 Rupees, the proposed establishment amounts to 630 but a Considerable part of this expence is on account of Massalgees and Oil, which may be dispensed with on the whole I am of Opinion that the Collector's proposed arrangement of the Stages on the great road between the limits of the Vizagapatam District and the Godavary, should be Sanctioned, Keeping the present Number of Runners at each Station, that his Suggestions regarding the Boat men should be approved that the present arrangement of Stages on the bye road should be continued—

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Masulipatam — The encrease of the number of Stages on the great road from Rajamundry to the Kistna which has been proposed by the Collector, may be adopted with advantage, if the Committee should determine to introduce the principle which they have stated. The Collector's plan occasions four additional Stages, and it appears to be regulated by the nature of the road and soil, as the Stages are shortened in Situations were there are many impediments. I am of opinion that it is entirely unnecessary to augment the number of Stages on the bye road by Coringa, Ingeram and Madepollam, the present Communication by that route appears to be sufficiently expeditious for every purpose of the Service.

Guntoor — The arrangement proposed by the Collector for the great road from the Kistna to boundary of the districts of Nellore and Ongole appears to be entirely proper, it adds one stage only to the number already established, Huts will be unnecessary as all the Stations are placed at Villages, and Masalgees and oil have never been used. In the Cross road from Guntoor towards Masulipatam, no increase of the number of Stages is requisite they should continue on their present footing. The direct Tappal from Guntoor to Condapilly seems to be altogether superfluous. The Tappal from Guntoor to Beezoara passes on to Condapilly which is only 6 Miles from Buzoara, and renders a direct Communication between Guntoor and Condapilly entirely unnecessary. The Cross Tappals from Guntoor to Bellumcondah and Timmicottah, and from Bellumcondah to Innacondah should be abolished as Bellumcondah and Timricottah are no longer occupied.

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The establishment of Runners between Guntoor and Innacondah which the Collector has proposed, will be entirely sufficient, Innacondah is not Commanded by an European Officer, & and its Garrison consists of a few Invalids only. Those arrangements will diminish the actual expences of the Tappal in the Guntoor Zillah to the extent of 200 Rupees each Month —

Nellore & Ongole.

The Collector of this Zillah seems to make the Stages too short, and to encrease their number too much; some of them are only 4½ Miles, and most of them only 5½ Miles in length. The present stages seldom exceed 8 Miles in length when they are longer than 12 Miles they ought to be divided. The Collectors suggestions regarding the passage of Rivers are extremely proper and ought to be adopted. The only cross road in this Zillah is one from Ongole to Innacondah, which should be abolished, as the communication from Guntoor to Innacondah will be entirely sufficient. a Cross Tappal ought to be established between Ongole and Cummum. Letters for the Ceded districts from Bengal & the Northern Circars are brought at present to Madras, and carried from thence to the Ceded Districts by the Route of Cuddapah a direct Communication from Ongole to Cummum would obviate this Circuit which exceeds 200 Miles, and would require 16 runners only from Cummum, there is an expeditious communication with the principal stations in the Ceded Districts.

The establishment which the Collector has proposed for the Zillah of Nellore and Ongole, would occasion a Monthly encrease of expence of nearly 260 Pagodas.

Ceded Districts

The Establishment and distribution recommended by the principal Collector in his Letter of the 1st July 1806 appear to be extremely proper. The Stages

are placed at Villages, and they vary in length from 7 to 9 Miles. Colonel Munro mentions that the state of the Ceded Districts opposes strong objections against fixing the Tappal Stations at uninhabited places, Colonel Munro, in his proposed distribution discontinues the communication to the Military Posts that have been evacuated since this subject was first discussed, the establishment of runners between Cuddapah and Gurrumcondah may be reduced below the number proposed by the Collector is not in the line of any general communication, it is not a post of great Military importance, and it is occupied by a Detachment of 150 Native Troops only under the command of a Captain, It is not therefore necessary that there should be a daily Tappal communication to Gurrumcondah and a single runner at each stage between that Station and Cuddapah will be sufficient

The principle Collector's suggestions regarding the passage of Rivers will secure that object at a very small expence—

The establishments proposed by the Collector amount to 413 Pagodas, the present ones to 426—

Some alterations appear to be necessary in the lines on which the Miles to the Southward and Westward of Madras are carried, the mail which conveys to the Presidency the packets from Ceylon, Travancore, Tinnevelly & Madura proceeds to Dindigul, thence it passes by Trichinopoly Tanjore Mayaveram and Sheally from which place it turns off to the Presidency by Cuddalore, Pondicherry & Chengleput, In this route a circuit of upwards of 70 Miles is made and the Tappals are carried over the Tanjore Country which is covered during a considerable portion of the year with rivers, Nul-

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be carried from the Presidency as far as Cuddalore by [illegible]
-sent route, and from Cuddalore to Trichinopol[illegible]
-cottah Warrealore and Arialore, From Tric[illegible]
proposed that the Mail shall be carried d[illegible]rect [illegible]a,
from whence the present routes into the provice of Tinne-
-velly and to Ceylon should be continued, a Cross Tappal
should be established from Arrialore to Tanjore, a distance
of 20 Miles only and from Tanjore to Tranquebar, Negapa-
-tam and Nagore, from Madura a Cross Tappal should
be established to Dindigul, the present Tappals from Tran-
-quebar to Cuddalore and from Trichinopoly to Dindigul
will be discontinued. Those arrangements would not occasion
much expence.

No direct communication exists between the South-
-ern Districts and the Central parts of the Peninsula, altho'
one could be established on a very short line from Trichi-
-nopoly to Seringapatam by the pass of Guzzlehutty. At pre-
-sent the Mails for Seringapatam from Ceylon Travancore,
and the Southern Division, are conveyed from Trichinopoly
to Errode, from thence they are carried at an acute angle to
Salem Darampory and Kistnagherry from which place
they make a sharp turn to Ryacottah and reach Seringapa-
-tam after having passed over two sides of a triangle by
Bangalore, Those deflections add about 100 Miles to the Tap-
-pal route between Trichinopoly and Seringapatam, a
Circuit which will be avoided by allowing a direct Tapp[illegible]
by the Guzzlehutty pass.

The Tappal from the Presidency to Calicu[illegible]
by Vellore, Amboor and Kistnagherry, also experiences con-

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-tags in consequence of the irregular Nature of its course.
the reaching Errode by a tolerably straight route, instead
carried on the Coimbatore in a Westerly direction
-eeds to the Eastward about 50 Miles to Carroor and
then turns off[d] to Coimbatore after having been carried
at least 60 Miles out of its way. This Circuit will be pre-
-vented by establishing a direct Tappal from Errode to
Coimbatore, and discontinuing the present one from Car-
-roor to Coimbatore. This Arrangement will occasion a Sa-
-ving of expence as the line from Errode to Coimbatore, is
Shorter than that from Carroor to Coimbatore.

Northern Divi-
-sion of Arcot

The Arrangement proposed by the Collector,
corresponds entirely with the principles recommended
by the Committee of Finance without occasioning a great-
-er encrease of expence than 6 Pagodas each Month, or
removing the Tappal stations to an inconvenient distance
from the Villages, The Stages vary in length from 5 to 9
Miles. they are regulated by the Nature of the road and
Soil, with a view to their being passed in a Certain portion
of time. The whole arrangement of the Collector seems
proper to be adopted it will occasion some expences at
first in building Choultrees and Sinking wells, The Col-
-lector has made no report on the Subject of passing rivers

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The arrangement suggested by the Collector of the
Jaghire appears to be perfectly proper. It accords with
the principles stated by the Committee without defering
much from the present distribution, and if the allow-
-ances for Massaljees and Oil should be dispensed with, it
will occasion a smaller disbursement of expence than
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the existing establishment—

Southern Division of Arcot

There are very few Tappal Communications in the Southern Division of Arcot, and the measures which the Collector proposes to adopt regarding them, are entirely conformable to the Suggestions of the Committee, If the routes which I have mentioned, should be approved, the Collector will have to establish a direct Tappal between Cuddalore, and Trichinopoly—

Pondicherry Cuddalore

Mr. Fallowfield's proposed arrangements for the distribution of the Runners, and the passage of the rivers in his District appear to be entirely proper and it may be carried into effect without much expence if the route to Trichinopoly should be adopted, an alteration will be necessary in the stage to the Southward of Cuddalore—

Tanjore & Trichinopoly

The principal Collector has suggested the same alterations of the Tappall routes in those Districts which I have recommended and he has post-poned to transmit a detailed distribution of the Stages until the determination of the Committee on this Subject shall be communicated to him—

Zillah Ramnad

If the route which I have proposed between Trichinopoly and Madura, shall be approved, the communication from Dindigul to Madura, will become a Cross route, & the present arrangement of its Stages may be continued Indeed the Establishment of Peons on this route may be diminished to a Single runner at each Stage, The arrangement of the Tappall Stages between Madura and Ramnad, recommended by Mr. Parish appears to be an efficient one, and deserving of being adopted, It is founded on the principle suggested by the Committee and on the supposition that a Peon is capable of running 8 Miles in an hour and a half, a few Stations will be removed fr[om] Villages, and the expence of providing accommodation for the Peo[ns] will not amount to a Pagoda for each hut—

...ally- The plan proposed by the Tinnevelly Collector agrees with the Instructions of the Committee, and is more economical than the existin[g] establishment, as some of the present Stages are not more than [..] Miles in Length Mr. Cochrane has equalized the lengths of the Stage[s] and diminished their number, all the suggestions contained in his report appear to be deserving of being adopted some of his new Sta-tions are not situated at Villages, and it will be necessary to erec[t] huts at them –

...n The arrangement proposed by the Collector in his Let-ter of the 2nd May 1806, for the distribution of the few Stages on the Zillah appears to be entirely proper. He has not stated the ex-act expence of the new arrangement, but it will not exceed that of the present one –

...batore The Collector has strongly recommended the Changes which I have already stated in the direction of the Tappall routes from Trichinopoly to Seringapatam, and from Errode to Coimbatore and he has formed a plan of distribution for the Stages in his division on the foundation of the Changes, and of the princi-ples suggested by the Committee. The distribution of the Stages in that plan, appears to be extremely well regulated, they vary in length from 7½ to 8 Miles, the distance which Mr. Garrow sup-poses that a Peon can run in an hour and half, and they all fix-es at inhabited places, the whole of Mr. Garrows arrangement is in my opinion, deserving of being [illegible] adopted it will occa-sion an increase of expences of 96 Pagodas, including the expences of the new Tappall from Errode to Seringapatam by the Guzzleh-utty pass, and of a bye Tappall to the Zillah Court at Darampora

...bar. I am unable to form an opinion on the subject of the proposed Establishment in Malabar, as the detailed distri-bution of Stages forwarded to the Committee of Finance with Mr. Warden's Letter of the 30th. May 1806 has not been sent to me.

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The distribution forwarded by Mr. Warden to the Accountt. General in his Letter of the 28th. December 1805 appears on an inspection of the Map of Malabar, and with a reference to the Military Posts established in that province and Wynaad, to be extremely proper. The Circumstance stated in the 6th. Paragraph of Mr. Warden's Letter of the 28th. December 1805, should be communicated to the Post Mr. Ge[neral]

Canara — The Collector recommends that the present arrangem[ent] of stages may be continued. On an Average their length is 8 Miles and the Collector is of opinion that the advantages of adopting a new distribution on the principle recommended by the Committe[e] would not compensate the inconveniencies that would be occasion[ed] by removing the Peons from their Villages, and obliging them to reside at uninhabited places. The Collector's suggestions regarding the Establishment of Boat men and their pay seem to be entirely proper

These observations are accompanied by a Map, exhibiting the present Tappall routes together with those that are recommended to be established or discontinued, most of the alteration[s] which I have proposed, are taken from the reports of the Collector[s]

The application of time to distance for the purpose of determining the length of the stages, must be so much affected by the Changes of the Season, and the nature of the soil and road, tha[t] it will be difficult to regulate it by fixed rules. This circumstance has produced the diversity of opinion that appears in the reports of the Collectors and it apposes many obstacles to the complete adoption of the plan recommended by the Committee. The uninhabited State of many parts of the Country is also adverse to the General introduction of that Plan, and perhaps every necessary degree of expedition may be attained at a moderate expence, by directing the Collectors to establish an efficient plan for the passage of rivers and Nullahs, and to divide such stages as exceed the length of 10 or 12 Miles

(Signed) T. Munro

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(A true Copy)

(Signed) G. Stratchey
Secretary

(A true Copy)

(Signed) G. G. Keble
Acting Chief Secrty to Governt.

(A true Copy)
James A. Casamayor.
Depy Revd Secry

Quarter Master Generals
Office, Fort St. George
31st July 1807.
Exd (Sd) I. P. Moore
Assist.

Revenue Department

To the Collector in Zillah Ramnad

Sir:

Para 1 I am directed by the Board to desire that you will transmit your estimates of proposed disbursements for fusly 1218 so as to reach this Office by the end of June next or in the event of your being unable that you will assign reasons for not complying with this requisition. The Board were put to considerable inconvenience by the delay of some of the Collectors in furnishing these documents for fusly 1217 –

2 The Board direct me further to desire that you will revise the whole disbursements for fusly 1217 that you will examine with care the duties performed by the Native Huzzoor and District establishment and make every practicable reductions in the number or pay of Servants not immediately requisite for the due Collection of the Revenues. It is the intention of the Board rigidly to examine every item of estimated charges with the view of Retrenching all such as are not obviously necessary it will therefore be expedient that your explanations should be full on each head of charge –

3 Besides the detailed estimates for the ensuing fusly you will furnish an Abstract thereof, together with an Abstract of the Actual Charges of Fusly 1216 & 1217 in Comparison there with –

4 You will insert in these accounts every items of actual or expected disbursement under its proper head according to the forms prescribed –

5 You will furnish a Statement shewing the actual reduction which took place in fusly 1217 on the actual charges of fusly 1216 –

6 You will insert under the head of Salary and Commission the actual sum you are entitled to draw by the late orders of Government –

7 House rent being a Civil charge is not necessary to be entered in your estimate –

8 You will be careful to insert the actual expen[se] of Salt Servants for fusly 1217 & the amount estimate[d] for fusly 1218 but you will transmit the detailed Statement[s] for examination to the General Agent –

9 In order that the General Statement fo[rmed] by the Board may be correct, They desire that partic[ular] attention may be paid to the drawing out your Estima[tes in] the prescribed form –

(Signed) R. A. Casama[jor]
C. S. L.

Fort St George
May 1808 –

Charges on Account of Runners as well as every Contingent expense do not exceed the amount which may be dispensably necessary and actually incurred—

4th. The Board conclude that the alterations in the Tappal stations and Charts of the new Tappal Roates will be explained and transmitted to you from the proper department of the Post Master General—

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Waytes
Secretary
Revenue Department—

Fort St. George
23rd May 1808.
Exd. (Sigd.) T. P. Moore
Asst.

To the Collector in Zillah Ramnad—

Sir,

Circular Para 1st. In additon to the orders conveyed to you in a Circular letter from the Board under date the 17th Instant, I am directed to desire that on the experation of the Current Fusly you will furnish an Abstract Comparative account of the Gross and net Receipts from Salt in Fuslies 1216 and 1217. accompanied with a concise, but satisfactory explanation of the causes to which any increase or decrease may be ascribed.

2. In considering the means of providing for the security & progressive improvement of this fruitful source of Revenue, it may appear to you that some of the Rules prescribed in the existing Regulation for the prevention of illicit sale require to be extended—

I am therefore directed to acquaint you that the Board will be disposed to adopt any check or precautionary measures which local experience may suggest to be conducive to the success of the monopoly, and if the present Regulation should appear to you to be defective in any respect, they desire that such supplementary Rules as you may consider to be desirable, may be submitted for consideration in the concise and distinct form of propositions—

4 On the subject of Rowanahs in particular, local circumstances may suggest some more efficient Checks on the illicit transit of Salt, which might be very conducive to the improvement of the Salt Revenue— Lastly the Board enjoin the most vigilant and unremitting superintendence over the conduct of the public Servants in the Salt Departmt. and direct me to express their expectation, that measures may be taken for bringing every instance of fraud or neglect to due punishment.

[Fort St.] George 29th May 1808. (Sigd.) W. Waytes
Ex. (Sigd.) T. P. Moore Asst. Secy.

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To P. Kinloch Esquire
Collector in Zillah Ramnad-

Sir

I respectfully beg leave to enclose Receipts for Pension due to the Family of the late Lieut. & Adjutant Samuel Clarke, of the Marowa Establishment, for the last Month, and request you will be pleased to Order payment of the Amount, being Seventy two Star Pagodas, and thirty five fanams-

I am, very respectfully
Sir,
Your Most Obedient humble Servt.
(Signed) Wm. Wheatley
R&G of the Family

[M]adura
[J]une 1808

To the Collector of the Zillah of
Ramnad-

Sir,

I beg you will comply with the request contained in the enclosed Summons of this Court dated 3rd June 1808 in a Cause No. 4582 - Carumba pillay vers. The Collector of Ramnad-

(Signed) Geo. Greg[...] [Ju]dge

Ramnad 4th June 1808.
Zillah Court

Revenue Department

To Peregrine Kinloch Esquire
Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad-

Sir,

Para 1st. Government having been pleased to determine that the Orders relative to the Exchange of Fanams Communicated to you in my Letter of the 2d. October last, and Suspended in Mr. Acting Accountt. General Mones Letter [of] the 31st. of the same Month shall be carried into effec[t] [I] beg to refer you to the former Letter, and to inform yo[u] that the arrangement is to be made retrospectively f[rom]

the 1st Ultimo.—

2nd. I request the receipt of this Letter may be acknow-ledged.

I am
Sir &ca &ca
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Acct. General
Revenue Depart.

Fort St. George
Accountt. Genl.s Office
6th. June 1808.—
Ed. Ms

To P. Kinloch Esquire
Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

I am directed by the Accountant General to return your Accounts for the Month of May in order that the different Heads therein may be brought to Account, at the rate of 45 fanams per Star Pagoda, instead of 42. According to the Circular letter from this Office under date 6th. Instant, I have to request your early attention to this Subject—

I am
Sir, &ca. &ca. &ca
(Signed) Thomas Harris
Depy. Revl. Acct.

Fort St. George
Accountt. Genl.s Office
15th. June 1808.
Ed. Ms

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you an Account Current for the Pay &ca of the Zillah Court of Ramnad for the Month of May 1808. accompanied with the respective Vouchers and request the Balance thereof may be forwarded as soon as convenient—

I have the honor to be
Sir
&ca &ca &ca
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge & Magist.

[Ram]nad 10th. June 1808.—

To the Collector

in the Zillah of

Ramnad

Sir

Para 1st Having the honor to send accompanying for your information and guidance Extract from the Report of the Committee of Finance, upon the Subject of a Fund to be established for the Relief of the Families of Native Writers and Servants attached to public Offices and Departments, with the Regulations established under the authority of Government, for the Management of the Fund

2nd I request the following forms may be observed in Collecting the Monthly Stoppages directed to be made by the 2nd Article of the Regulations

3rd An Abstract to be forwarded Monthly to this Office, in the following form

Fort St George
Accountant General's office
18th June 1808.

Your &c &c &c
(Signed) Cecil Smith A G

To the Collector in the Zillah of

Ramnad

Sir

1st I enclose for your information and guidance, a Government Advertisement for a loan, to which, you will perceive you are authorized to Receive Subscriptions

2nd A Reference to the Acting Accountant General Mr. Moor's letter of the 7 January last, forwarding to you an advertisement for a former Loan will furnish you with the Necessary information &c as to the particulars to be forwarded to this office on account of Sums Subscribed, as also the Manner in which they are to be brought to Account, and to the directions therein Contained I request your attention

3rd I beg particularly that you will in addition to the monthly Register, Send a Separate Notice on the day you issue any Certificate, as no Certificate can be acknowledged at this office until Such advice be Received

4 I have further to Request that in granting Certificates for Cash Subscriptions, you will particularly State in the Body of each Certificate that the premium has been paid by the party Subscribing, Specifying the Sum which has been Received upon each Certificate, both inclusive and exclusive of the premium

Fort St George
Accountant General's office
18th June 1808

(Signed) Cecil Smith A G

Exd
BMS

To P. Kinloch Esqr.

Collector at Ramnad

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 16th Ultimo accompanied with a Remittance of Treasure to the Presidency and herewith enclose my Duplicate Receipt for the Same

Fort St. George
General Treasury
20th June 1808

(Signed) J Kenworthy
Sub Treasurer

To P. Kinloch Esqr.

Collector Zillah Ramnad

Sir

I am directed by the Accountant General to return your demand Collection and Balance for the Month of May, the different Heads therein, having been brought to Account at the Rate of 42 fanams instead of 45. Pr. Star Pagoda, according to the Circular letter from this Office, under date the 6th Inst.

I have to Request your early attention to this Subject.

Fort St. George
Acct. Generals Office
21 June 1808

(Signed) Thomas Harris
DyAG.

To P. Kinloch Esqr.

Collector at Ramnad

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Inst. returning my Abstract for Pay and allowances in arrear for May and Advance for June 1808 and requesting, in lieu of it another Calculated at the Rate of 45 fanams per each St. Pagoda.

I have now the pleasure of enclosing herein a fresh Abstract for those Months made up according to the above Rate; and the difference between the former and present Abstracts, being 10 Pagodas 1. 33 fanams. I remit by the Bearer.

All my future Abstracts shall be Calculated at the change of 45 Mad. fanams to each Star Pagoda agreeable to your desire

(Signed) M. Martinz
Col. Comg.

Ramnad
1808

To P. Kinloch Esq.re
Collector at Ramnad

Sir

I have received your letter of the 16th Ultimo accompa-
-nied with a Remittance of Treasure to the Presidency and herewith
enclose my receipt for the same –

Fort St. George
Genl. Treasury 21st June 1808 }

(Signed) J. Kinworthy
Sub Treasurer

To P. Kinloch Esq.re
Collector of the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir,

Para 1st. There appears a difference between the Sum entered in your
Abstract Statement of 1807/8 under the head of Judicial Charges, and
that Stated by the Judge of the Zillah Court of your District in
his Statement (Copy of which he was directed to furnish you)
amounting to Pagodas 2946. 39. 61. your Statement mentioning
the Sum at Pags. 23787. 11. 46. and the Judges at Pags. 20840. 13. 65

2nd. As it is of importance that this difference should be
adjusted as early as possible, I request you will without delay,
acquaint me with the Origin of it –

Fort St. George
A. G. O. 22nd June 1808 }

(Signed) C. Smith
A. G.

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir

I forward you a Government Advertisement by wh[ich]
you will perceive that the Exchange for Bills on England is r[aised]
to 8/3d. I request your Particular Attention to this Circu[mstance]
in granting Certificates for Bills on the Honorable C[ourt]
of Directors.

Fort St. George
A. G. O. 23rd June 1808 }

(Signed) C. Smith
A. G.

Government Advertisement

Public Department

Notice is hereby given, that, from this date, the Exchange of Bills, which may be drawn by this Government on the Honorable Court of Directors, for money Paid in to the Treasury, is fixed, until farther Notice, at the rate of 8 S. 3d per Pagoda –

Published by order of the Honorable the Gov.r in Council

Fort St George }
26th June 1808 }

(Signed) G. Buchan
Chief Sec to Govt.

(Signed) G. Moore
D.R.A.G.

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad,

Sir,

I enclose for your information and guidance, the Copy of the Report of the Dr. Mr. General to the Committee of Finance regarding the Routes of the Tappal in your District. The Committee have recommended that the Arrangement recommended by that Officer may be generally adopted, the Distance of Stages being regulated according to the Situation of Villages, but never exceeding ten Miles –

I have to request that the Arrangement proposed by the Dr. Mr. General, may be carried into effect, but should it appear to you that some deviation from this Arrangement, will be the Means of greater efficiency to the System you will in that case, use your own discretion, attending in all cases to Eco-nomy, & Reporting such deviation to this Office –

With a view to prevent temptation being placed in the way of the Runners or others employed in the Post Office Department I have to request that no Letters or Parcels from Individuals containing Bank Notes, Money Jewels, or any Article of value, may be permitted to be sent by the Tappal –

P. O.
Fort St George
[illegible] 1808

(Signed) I. Kenworthey
P. M. G.

Extract from the Report of the Quarter Master General to the Committee of Finance, regarding the Routes of the Tappal in the Zillah of Ramnad —

If the route which I have proposed between Trichinopoly and Madura shall be approved the communication from Dindigul to Madura will become a Cross route, and the present arrangement of its stages may be continued. Indeed the establishment of Peons on this route may be diminished to a single runner at each stage. The arrangement of the Tappal stages between Madura & Ramnad recommended by Mr. Parish, appears to be an efficient one and deserving of being adopted. It is founded on the principal suggested by the Committee and on the supposition that a Peon is capable of running 8 Miles in an hour and a half. a few Stations will be removed from Villages and the expense of providing accommodation for the Peons will not amount to a Pagoda for each hut —

(A true Extract)
(Signed) J. Kenworthey
Q. M. G.

To the Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir,

You will herewith receive Extract from my proceedings under date 30th Instant with the contents of which I request your compliance —

Tinnevelly
30th June 1808

(Signed) G. Stratton
Judge

J. Kinloch Esqr.
Ramnad

Sir,

I have to advise you that a Bill drawn on you this day for the Sum of Str. Pagodas

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir

I beg You will comply with the request Contained in the Enclosed Proceedings of this Court dated 1st July 1808 in Causes No. 3425 Vettevaloo, Panniken vers the Collector of Ramnad and No. 3426 Vettevaloo Panniken vers the Collector of Ramnad —

Ramnad Zillah Court 1st July 1808 }

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obed.t Servant
Signed Geo Gregory
Judge

To T Kinlock Esq.re
Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir

I beg leave to inform You that as Miss Clarke was Married lately to Daniel Burby I therefore enclose but two Receipts for Pension due to the Eldest Daughter & Son of the late Lieut & Adjt S. Clarke and Respectfully ~~beg to~~ request You will be pleased to order Payment of the Amount the Other Receipt for one third will be transmitted to you by Daniel Burby —

Madura 1st July 1808 }

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servant
(Signed) W. Wheatley

To the Collector of the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir

I beg you will Comply with the Request Contained in the Enclosed Extract of this Court dated 4th July 1808 in a Cause No. 3528 Ponnappah Moodely Versus the Collector of Ramnad

Ramnad Zillah Court 4th July 1808 }

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servant
Signed Geo Gregory
Judge

To the Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad

Sir

I have the honor to forward You an Account Current for of the Zillah Court of Ramnad for the Month of June 1808 Acco

with the respective Vouchers and request the Balance thereof may be forwarded as soon as Convenient

Ramnad
Zillah Court
9th July 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir Your Most obedt Servant
(Signed) Geo. Gregory
Judge & Magistrate

To the Collector of the
Ramnad Zillah

Sir

I have the honor to aknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant Enclosing an Inventory of Arms, &ca and requesting me to receive them in to Store which has been done this day, and Enclosed I transmit You Duplicate Receipts for the same agreeable to your request

Ramnad
9th July 1808

I have the honor to be
Sir Your Most Obedt Servant
Signed M Martin
Colr. Comy.

To P Kinlock Esqre
Collector in the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir

Herewith I enclose a Bill drawn by the Tresurer & Secretary of the Government Bank in your favour for Star Pagodas Seven hundred and fifty five, Ten fanams and Seventy three Cash (755, 10, 73,) and request you will be pleased to acknowledge the Receipt thereof

Fort St George
General Treasury
4th July 1808

I am Sir
Your Most obedt Servt
Signed J Kenworthey
Sub Treasurer

Revenue Departmt.

To P Kinloch Esqr
Collector of the Zillah of
Ramnad

Sir

I request you will forward to this Office without loss time an Estimate for the Current Year of the Portions of your Zillah which are, at the Close of this Fusly, to be transferred to the Collectors of Dindigul and Tinnevelly, distinguishing the proportions that are to be made over to those Collectors respectively —

2nd This Estimate is to be drawn out in the same forms and to comprehend the same particulars as that furnished by you lately, for the whole Zillah, and it should commence from the 1st May last—

I am Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Cecil Smith A.G.[l]
Revenue Departm.[t]

Fort S.t George
Account.t Gen.ls Office
2nd July 1808—

To P. Kinloch Esquire.
Collector in the Zillah of Ramnad—

Sir,

Para 1st. The Estimates required from you in my Letter of the 2nd Instant, were wanted in the form of the regular Annual Estimate for 1808/9 which you furnished for the whole Zillah under date the 22.d May last—

2nd. I beg that new Estimates according to that form may therefore be forwarded without delay, as the want of them retards the Completion of the Annual Accounts now preparing.—

3rd. Between the Estimate for the whole Zillah, above alluded to, and the separate Estimate for the divisions now transferred to Dindegul and Tinnevelly Respectively, there appears Considerable differences as will be shewn by the following memorandum—

	Gross Collection,	Gross Charges.	Net Revenue
As p.r former regular Estimate	322,859	60,515.	262,344
As p.r present Monthly Estimate Madura	185,400.	58,550	126,850.
Tinnevelly	105,000	4423	100577
	[illegible]	62,973	227,427
Excess of the former is shewn in black Ink, & that of the present in Red Ink—	32,459	245[illegible]	34,917

4th. I request that these differences may be exp[illegible] your forwarding the Corrected Estimates.—

I am Sir,
Your Most Obe[illegible]
(Signed) Cecil Sm[illegible]

Fort S.t George
Account.t Gen.ls Office
19th July 1808
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